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DESPERATE FIGHT

Boston Officers and Burglars Used Revolvers

One of the Robbers Was Shot Dead—Boldest Piece of Criminal Work Perpetrated in Boston for Some Time—Watchman in Coal Office Was Nearly Killed

BOSTON, Dec. 17—In a running fight between five burglars who had broken into an office in East Boston earlier in the morning and a squad of policemen from division 7, on the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroad early today, one of the burglars was shot dead. The others escaped and it was believed probable that some of them were wounded. The identity of the dead burglar is not known. Although all five of the hunted men used their revolvers freely on the pursuing police, none of the latter was wounded. The burglars had previously broken into the office of the Metropolitan Coal Co., in East Boston and brutally maltreated the watchman and blown open the safe and escaped with $200.

The policemen who chased the robbers were Sergeant Aubens and Patrolman Hankard. The killing of the burglar was a sequence of one of the boldest pieces of criminal work which has been perpetrated in Boston for a long time. Shortly after 1 o'clock John Donovan, the watchman employed at the Metropolitan Coal company's office at East Boston, was awakened by the noise of an explosion which came from the floor beneath him. The building is a small two story wooden structure, almost at the ocean front and in a sparsely inhabited section. The concussion was terrific. Donovan hurried down the rear stairway only to be confronted at the foot of the stairs by three men, each of whom was pointing a revolver at him. He was at once knocked down and assaulted. A coal bag was placed over his head so that he could not see and then the burglars jumped repeatedly on his body, evidently with the intention of killing him. The brutality of the treatment made the watchman unconscious. The robbers then undoubtedly proceeded to remove the contents of the safe, which they had previously blown open with dynamite. Then they crossed the bridge to Winthrop. Shortly afterward Donovan regained consciousness, removed the coal bag from his head and crawling to the desk telephone called up police headquarters and gave the alarm. Half an hour later patrolmen from the East Boston station arrived at the building and found the watchman senseless. He revived, however long enough to tell the officers what had happened.

All nearby towns and cities were notified and a careful search of the marsh district in East Boston and Winthrop was begun. Two hours later when Sergeant Aubens, accompanied by Patrolman Hankard, was making a search of the barren district skirting the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroad, five men sprang from a growth of tall weeds and opened fire on them with revolvers. Although taken entirely by surprise, Sergeant Aubens and his companion returned the fire with the same fierceness that characterized the attack of the robbers. In the darkness the shooting was at random. At the same moment that the burglars commenced to fire they started to run toward the railroad tracks, down which they fled at a quick run. Untouched by any of the bullets, Aubens and Hankard followed swiftly, but the robbers had such a lead that the police were outdistanced. The officers retraced their steps to send out an alarm, when they stumbled across a body. It was that of a man about 30 years of age. In his right hand was clutched a revolver. There was a bullet hole in his forehead and another just over the heart. The wrist of the hand which grasped the revolver was broken, probably by his fall after he had been shot. The body was taken to the police station and later when Watchman Donovan had recovered sufficiently he identified it as that of one of the burglars. The dead robber wore old, almost ragged clothing. The only distinguishing mark found about him was on the lining of his hat, where was written in pencil "W. P. Smith." The hat had been purchased in New York. The man wore a short black overcoat, dark undercoat and gray vest, black trousers and a pair of worn shoes, the toes of which were completely gone. The finding of a number of alms-asking cards in the pockets indicated to the police that the man had been a panhandler who had deserted that career for the more exciting pursuit of safe blowing.

In the meantime a large posse was organized and the pursuit of the remaining robbers was taken up systematically. The gang was traced in the direction of Lynn, but at 9 o'clock nothing was learned to indicate the whereabouts of the burglars.

Manager Wyman of the coal company's office said later that only $200 had been stolen, although that represented the entire money contents of the safe.

Sergeant Aubens said during the morning that he believed one of the escaped robbers had been wounded by him.

The determination of the police to capture the remaining men was strengthened by the conviction that they are the same who have committed the numerous burglaries recently in various New England cities and towns.

Episcopal prayer books and bibles, Lawler's.

Oriental Bazaar's ad. on last page.

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FANCY CHINA

Here's a happy combination of circumstances—a Special Sale of Fancy China just when you are thinking about gift things for Christmas. Could anything be more opportune, for China makes an ideal gift? When you are at your wit's end thinking of WHAT to give, you can always fall back to fancy bric-a-brac, etc., for that is always acceptable and can always be used to good advantage.

BUT THE PRICE

In this instance is a powerful magnet. Listen! Sixty-five crates of French, German, Austrian, Bavarian and Japanese China just put on sale in our basement. These goods were an importer's samples and surplus stock and were bought at a very low price. So cheap in fact that we are enabled to sell them at

About 1-2 Usual Price

This sounds big but it has the merit of being the absolute truth. The assortment consists of Vases, Bric-a-Brac, Candlesticks, Olives, Salads, Oatmeals, Ice Creams, Mugs, Cups and Saucers, Tobacco Jars, Smoker Sets, Hair Receivers, Chocolate Pots, Comb and Brush Trays, Pin Trays, Cracker Jars, etc., etc. The prices range from 5c to $7.98.

SALE NOW OPEN

TOURED EUROPE

Entertaining Lecture by Charles J. Glidden

LOWELL'S WORLD TOURING AUTOMOBILIST

At St. Paul's M. E. Church Last Evening

Charles J. Glidden, Lowell's world-touring automobilist, gave a highly entertaining lecture at St. Paul's M. E. church last evening on "Automobile Drives in Fifteen Different Countries and Across the Arctic Circle," and the audience taxed the capacity of the edifice, many representative people being present.

Preceding the lecture a brief organ recital was given by Solon W. Stevens, concluding with "America."

Fronting the platform were the American and Swedish flags entwined, while the balcony front was decorated with vari-colored festoons and evergreen.

Mr. Glidden was given an ovation as he approached the platform and the excellent stereopticon views presented elicited frequent applause.

Mr. Glidden in opening gave the distances travelled in Great Britain and the continent as follows:

Ireland 1510 miles, Wales 267, England 650, Sweden 1540, Denmark 306, Germany 1188, Bohemia 315; Austria 62[illegible], Bavaria 295, Italy 568, Switzerland 1097, Spain 59, France 4565, Belgium 160, and Holland 240, making a total of 12,735 miles.

"To successfully drive these great number of miles, over unfamiliar roads, in 15 foreign countries under many unknown conditions and customs," he said, "requires much correspondence and preparation. Itineraries must be prepared without the assistance of tourist agencies or the numerous publications on travel as none yet issued cover a drive over the highway with regulations now in force against the motor car."

Continuing, he said: "Our first drive in 1901 was confined to England and France for a distance of 2000 miles. In 1902, the second year's drive was the longest continuous one ever made, that consisted of 5125 miles in seven countries, crossing the famous Arlberg and Brenner passes in the Tyrols, the St. Gothard Brunig and others in Switzerland, a complete circuit of Italian lakes, over Mount Turbie by way of the Corniche road and across the Pyrenees into Spain.

"This experience in motoring leads one to remark that its charms is not in racing nor fast driving, but in ascending and descending the great mountain passes over roads winding and turning in all conceivable directions above which tower snow-capped mountains. Passing along valleys and canyons along the banks of rushing torrents under silvery water falls into dark rocky tunnels, out again amidst wonderful, constantly changing scenery, dotted here and there with quaint and picturesque villages of the prettily costumed peasants, motor mountaineering leads in this fascinating recreation.

"The third year's drive in 1903 was another record for long distance as 6670 miles were covered in 13 countries and a point reached never before attained in motoring." Speaking of this trip Mr. Glidden said:

"The Arctic Circle was accomplished without accident and only thirty minutes' delay on account of a slight mechanical disarrangement and six tire troubles. The drives have demonstrated beyond all question that the automobile can be driven to the remotest parts of the earth, wherever it is possible for horse and wagon to go. It is thoroughly reliable and a safe conveyance even in the hands of a non-professional operator. Two important requisites are essential: a well constructed car, which I found in my 16-horsepower Napier, and a good mechanic to give it proper care after each drive."

Mr. Glidden stated that as much had been written regarding his three tours he would confine this talk to incidents of the 1903 drive.

"Our motor car," said Mr. Glidden, "was specially constructed, large and roomy, enabling the carrying of five passengers, a small steamer trunk, three hand-bags, and weighed loaded with baggage and four passengers, 4500 pounds.

"The drive was continuous from start to finish except the crossing of water bays.

"After attending the James Gordon Bennett cup races a general tour of England was made, thence across to England, where the car was shipped to Copenhagen, Denmark, and through that country to the north, crossing at Ellsmore to Helsingburg, Sweden." The drive through Sweden to the Arctic Circle, 1510 miles, was exceedingly interesting and graphically portrayed by Mr. Glidden. Said he: "The people gave us a royal reception the entire length of the route.

"The Arctic Circle was crossed Aug. 16th and the American flag, carried from Boston, presented to the postmaster of the district."

Mr. Glidden's European motor drives have carried him, so he stated, through 1000 cities and towns and the trip was continuous through Denmark, Austria and Germany, where Mr. Anton Lang, who played the Christus in the Passion Play of 1900, was given a ride through the mountains. The trip to Switzerland, France, Belgium and Holland was vividly described and Mr. Glidden concluded his highly instructive narrative by saying: "The motor claims for its path the hills and valleys, dales and ridges, the shaded lanes and borders of lakes and seas; for its admirers, multitudes of men, women and children; as its mission, the transportation of humanity in God's pure air and sunlight throughout the entire length of the land."

Excellent skating. The Thompson Hardware Co. has a full line of Barney & Berry's and Union Hardware Co.'s skates.

Testaments and Hymnals. Lawler's.

STEEL CHEWER

Man Arrested for Stealing a Coat

SAID HE USED TO EAT HANDCUFFS

House of Correction Is His Address

In police court today James Neville pleaded not guilty to the larceny of an overcoat valued at $25, the property of John J. Delaney.

Neville called at Mr. Delaney's tailoring establishment in the Mansur block and took the coat from the wall. Mr. Delaney was out at the time but missed the coat immediately upon his return to the room.

He had heard footsteps on the stairs and he went to the street in search of an officer. While searching for the officer he met Neville wearing the coat and followed him to a barber shop. Neville removed the overcoat and answered to the call of "next." While he was being shaved Delaney went in search of an officer and returned with Sergt. Conners and Inspector Maher.

In police court today Neville said he bought the coat from a man whom he met in the street. He said he paid 50 cents for it.

In relating the circumstances connected with the arrest Inspector Maher said that Neville was very abusive.

"What did he say to you, if anything when you put the twisters on him?" asked Deputy Welch.

"He told me," said Inspector Maher, "that in the part of the west where he came from they were in the habit of eating twisters for breakfast."

"Go on, go on," said Neville from the dock. "I didn't say anything of the kind. Do I look like a man that would eat twisters?"

"The question went unanswered, the only response being a small-sized laugh from the gallery.

To the court Neville said he belongs in Providence, R. I., and that he came to Lowell in search of work.

"What is your occupation?" asked the court.

"I'm a wood turner out of a job," said Neville "and all this talk about the west and twisters for breakfast is all poppycorn."

Neville was found guilty and was sentenced to the house of correction for three months.

Monogram dies. Lawler's.

REV. FR. McGURTY

Was Buried in Ottawa Today

The funeral of Rev. Charles M. McGurty, O. M. I., who died the day before yesterday as the result of injuries received at the fire at Ottawa university, took place this morning, and the body was interred in the Oblates' lot in Ottawa. It was thought by many that on account of the deceased being a Lowell boy that the body would be brought to this city, but it is usual to bury deceased priests of the Oblate order who die in Ottawa in the cemetery in that city.

Genuine Chinaware at Oriental Bazaar.

DEATHS

McKENNA—Charles E. McKenna, a well known resident of Centralville, died yesterday at his residence, 28 West Third street, aged 25 years and 2 months. He leaves a sister, Miss Lizzie McKenna, a brother, John McKenna, and a sister, Mrs. Martin McCaffrey. He leaves a large host of friends to mourn his loss.

SCRUTTON—George William Scrutton, for the last [illegible] years a resident of this city, died yesterday at his home, 13 Powell street, aged [illegible] years. He leaves a wife and one daughter. Mr. Scrutton had been for many years in the employ of the city.

Choice gift books. Lawler's.

PERSONALS

Eddie Maguire of the Boston Post was in Lowell yesterday.

Miss Blanche Webster of Marie, P. E. Island, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gillis of Andover street.

Edward Fagan of Woonsocket, R. I., spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Patrolman Edward Fox of Eddy street.

Chief E. S. Hosmer of the local fire department attended the regular monthly meeting of the Massachusetts Fire Chiefs' club in Boston yesterday.

Christmas Presents Absolutely Free

The Zopher Drug Co. is going to give away Dec. 18th and 19th 1000 full size bottles of Crestcill (no-cold-no-cough) the greatest boon of the age for people who are subject to colds, coughs and lung troubles. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass., sole proprietors.

Opportunity
To Purchase a Fine Christmas Present.
WELCH BROS.
are selling handsome GAS LAMPS at extremely LOW PRICES. This is a great chance; do not miss it.
Call at 13 Middle street and inspect them.

ALLARD ABSENT

Lowells Were Defeated in Manchester

ABBOTT AND O'NEIL THE LOWELL STARS

Lynch Was High Man on Fouls

MANCHESTER, Dec. 17.—Manchester turned the tables on Lowell at Mechanics' hall last night, winning handily by 23 points to 16. The game was fast and unusually gentle for these teams. Cairns played boisterously and Holleran displayed an unconquerable tendency to hug Devlin, much to the Manchester man's inconvenience. As a whole, however, the game was fast and free from unnecessarily rough tactics.

Lowell was strong on fouls and work on baskets, which helped out much from the local viewpoint, and the combination of playing more for the basket and less for the man by the local artists was too much for Captain Allard's henchmen. The captain was not present. Manchester was out to win. Lowell had considerable to spare on Manchester in passing, but she was a bit off color in throwing for the basket, owing to the brisk blocking encountered.

Healey, Lynch and Donnelly were in fine fettle and played a great game from start to finish, while Abbott and O'Neil were much in evidence in the counting for Lowell. The locals started off with a rush, and at the end of the first period had a lead of six points, and while the visitors came back strong in the second period, they were [illegible] for the period and Manchester was [illegible] good. In the final period Manchester cut loose again and forged still further to the vantage, and hung to a [illegible].

Lynch was high man on fouls, slipping in nine which the referee saw, but Cairns was a good second with seven. The crowd appeared to [illegible] along toward the end of the game that Mr. Tierney had his optics peeled especially for Lynch, and greeted the last few announcements of the Manchester player's delinquencies with the time honored salute accorded the villain by the gallery gods. No serious harm was done, however, and it added to the respectability of Lowell's score.

MANCHESTER 23.	16 LOWELL.
Devlin, lf	rb, Holleran
Lynch, rf	lb, Fields
Healey, c	c, Cairns
Qualey lb	rf, Abbott
Donnelly, rb	lf, O'Neil

Summary: Score—Manchester 23, Lowell 16. Goals from floor—Healey 3, Abbott 3, Lynch 2, Donnelly 2, O'Neil 2, Qualey, Devlin, Fields. Points on fouls—Manchester 5, Lowell 4. Fouls called—On Lynch 9, Cairns 7, Fields 1, Abbott 1, Devlin 2, Healey, Qualey, Donnelly, O'Neil, Holleran. Referee, J. H. Tierney. Timers—Holleran for Lowell and Smith for Manchester. Attendance 500.

BASKETBALL STANDING.

	Won	Lost	P. C.
Lowell	8	5	.615
Concord	8	5	.615
Haverhill	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Manchester	6	10	.375

Manchester turned the trick at last.

Haverhill is in shape to put up a great game tonight.

Harrington prevented Allard from scoring on two [illegible] in Haverhill. Will he be able to do it tonight?

Concord and Lowell are tied for first place. Lowell must win tonight in order to keep from falling [illegible] position.

The race is getting exciting just at the right time. The Concord bunch is certainly making a great bid for the pennant.

There has been some betting that Becky Lew will score more baskets from the floor tonight than any other player in the game. Allard's friends are taking up the wagers as they believe that Abbie after the rest of last night ought to be in the same shape he was Tuesday night.

It's You

Everybody looks at you and they want you should leave. There's nothing more annoying in a public gathering. Then for the sake of others, to say nothing of yourself, get a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, cure your cough, and cease annoying everybody.
J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

PENN. MUTUAL
Endowment and Life Policies
offer the most liberal conditions at the lowest cost, and pay highest rate of interest; [illegible] years and still the leader. Call or write for full information to M. J. SHARKEY, Swan Building, 26 Central Street.

TO LET. Small tenement on Hildreth street. Apply at [illegible] market, Middlesex and Howard Street.

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MIDDLESEX TRUST CO.
Lock up your valuables in your own steel box with your own key—secure from FIRE and THEFT. Annual charge $5.00 and up.
MERRIMACK, COR. PALMER ST.

FIRE IN CHELSEA

Caused a Loss of $60,000

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 17.—The factory and stock of the Maine Furniture company in this city were destroyed by fire today, causing a loss estimated at $60,000. The loss is covered by insurance. A strong wind was blowing and for a time adjoining property was seriously threatened. In addition to the entire fire department of Chelsea, the firemen of Everett were called upon for assistance and they aided materially in preventing the spread of the fire to other buildings.

The fire started on the first story of the three story wooden structure and spread quickly. Several barrels of varnish exploded making the firemen's work dangerous. Several firemen were overcome by the intense heat. The fire practically burned itself out, as nothing but ruins are left. The cause of the blaze is unknown.

Fountain pens at Lawler's.

GEORGE GARDNER

Returned to His Home Last Evening

George Gardner arrived home from California last night and went at once to the residence of his parents where he received a warm greeting from the members of his family. George is in excellent shape and never looked better in his life. He is heavier than when last in Lowell and looks none the worse for his contest with Fitzsimmons.

In speaking of that fight he said that he did not put up his own battle. He feels sorry at the showing that he made and says that had he fought in his own way he feels certain he would have won inside the limit.

He will challenge Fitz again and has every hope that the Cornishman will give him another chance. If he does Gardner says there will be a different story told and that people will have no reason to criticise his battle.

George feels sorry for the loss some of his friends suffered who placed their money on him. "I firmly believed I could defeat Fitz," he said, "and that is why I advised my friends to bet their money. I know now that I can win from him and the sooner he will give me the chance to prove this, the better pleased will I be."

George will start right in to get into condition for his battle with Marvin Hart before the Criterion club in Boston.

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, $3.00. Lawler's.

Read the Oriental Bazaar's ad.

BURNED TO DEATH

Mother and Two Children Perished

WERE ASLEEP WHEN THE FIRE STARTED

Another Woman Was Badly Burned

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Harry L. Smith and her two children, Harry, aged 3, and Albert, aged three months, were burned to death early today by a fire which occurred in their home at Oak Lane, a suburb. They were asleep when the fire started. Mrs. Elizabeth Shellmire was badly burned while endeavoring to awaken them. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Hand lace trimmings, Oriental Bazaar.

Dainty card cases. Lawler's.

Best gifts at the Oriental Bazaar.

RIVAL CLAIMANTS

TWO WOMEN SAY WILLIS IS THEIR HUSBAND.

LEOMINSTER, Dec. 17.—John H. Willis, aged 66, a veteran of the Civil war, was arrested yesterday on a warrant alleging polygamy and is bailed in $500 for a hearing on Saturday.

Willis says his first wife ran away 27 years ago. He waited 20 years, then married again. Wife No. 1 is now in Haverhill and is understood to have furnished Chief of Police Laselle the information that caused the arrest.

It is claimed that Willis married Emeline Hardy in Lawrence, Oct. 21, 1857, and Charlotte Stratton in Leominster in June, 1896.

Double Trading Stamps today at Lawler's.

Purses for men and women. Lawler's.

Mr. J. J. Brady of Liberty square leaves today for Alleghany, N. Y., to attend the ordination of his brother.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair and continued cold tonight and Friday; fresh westerly winds.

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UNION MADE
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Tonight's Great Game in Huntington Hall
LOWELL vs. HAVERHILL
Admission 25c. Reserved Seats at Ellingwood's

Cast Your Eye on Our Swell Line of
SUIT-CASES
For the Holidays

Been racking your brain over Xmas gift?
A Suggestion:
Suit cases are the thing for traveling.
Every fellow wants one—especially if he is a college man.
Same way with girls!
Prices range from $3 to $20 on Leather Cases, and from $1 to $4 on Canvas and Fibre Cases.

GLANCE AT THIS

COW-HIDE CASE. An elegant case in Russett, Old Oak or Olive finish. It has steel frame and valance, solid brass lock, round swing handle, heavy reinforced corners and best quality leather straps. Lined throughout with finest Irish linen. Built to stand the hardest knocks. $5.00

P. F. DEVINE
88 Merrimack St.
Drop in and see our beautiful display of fine Leather Goods.
Branch, 260 Essex Street, Lawrence.
Factory, 72 Middlesex Street.
We Give Trading Stamps.

From Late Editions Yesterday

LEFT $50,000

Romance in Alpheus Dubois' Life Disclosed

OLD SCHOOLMASTER LEFT MONEY TO DAUGHTER

Lost His Wife Fifty Years Ago

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—A romance, buried nearly half a century, has been disclosed by the filing for probate of the will made by Alpheus D. Dubois, who had presided over a public school of this city as principal for 53 years. He retired three years ago and died Sunday. The will astonished even his most intimate friends, for it showed that he had amassed a fortune valued at one quarter to half a million dollars.

The romantic interest in the will arises from the fact that a bequest is made to Prof. Dubois' daughter. Not even the old schoolmaster's most intimate friends, and his confidants were few, knew he had been married, and the testator, in naming the daughter, used only her given name because he did not know to whom she had been married. Investigation shows that the professor separated from his wife nearly 50 years ago. She went away, taking their little girl, and neither the husband nor his relatives ever heard from them again. They are supposed to be still alive and in this country, but where no one knows. The professor's relatives refuse to give any information regarding the affair long buried in the past but it is said the wife was a member of a well known family here.

Prof. Dubois was the son of a minister. His wealth is supposed to have been accumulated through shrewd investment of his savings as a teacher. For more than 12 years he lived in a small room preparing part of his own meals and declared he spent only a dollar or so daily, while his income grew until it reached the sum of $30,000 a year.

PATSY KEEGAN

WILL RETURN HOME THIS EVENING.

Despite the fact that a morning contemporary had a long account of Keegan's arrival home from the six-day race and an interview with that rider, Keegan has not as yet got back from New York, though it is expected that he will reach Lowell sometime this afternoon or evening.

Jack Mahan, who went away with Keegan, is back and is 13 pounds lighter. **Jack said that it was a case of hard work from the time the start was made at midnight Sunday night until the final gun was fired at 10 o'clock Saturday night and he has figured out where he received something like two hours' sleep during the week.**

He says that Keegan is in fairly good condition after the hard grind, but not looking as well as he did last year. The strain of trying to regain the lost lap has told on Keegan.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE

WILL MEET AGAIN ON FRIDAY EVENING.

The committee on claims will meet again on Friday evening and further consider claims against the city.

STREET WORK

CINDER SIDEWALKS ARE NOW BEING LAID.

The street department is taking advantage of the absence of snow to lay cinder sidewalks and otherwise clean up outstanding street work.

NORTH BILLERICA.

The waiting room at Billerica Centre was entered some time late Sunday night or early Monday morning and seven dollars' worth of cigars and magazines were stolen. An entrance was gained through one of the side windows, the lower half having been pried up.

This makes the third break which has occurred at the waiting station during the past year. Proprietor Henry Livingston has reported the matter to Chief of Police Martin Conway, but as yet no clue has been found as to the identity of the robber or robbers.

Frank Rogers, a prominent young man of this community, will be ordained at the Cathedral in Boston, Friday, and a large delegation of Billerica people will attend the service. Rev. Fr. Rogers will celebrate his first mass next Sunday morning at ten o'clock at St. Andrew's church in North Billerica.

Skating on the Concord river is good now, and a number of the younger people of the town are taking advantage of it.

POLO NOTES.

Richmond still leads the western league with Joe Fox's Marion team in second place. Elwood, the champions of last season, are occupying third place, while Muncie, which includes Bob Hart and Tommy Holderness of the old Lowell team, is in fourth place. Indianapolis is fifth in line, and the brewery team from Anderson brings up the tail end.

An editorial in an Indianapolis paper says: "The enthusiasm let loose at a polo game would do wonders if it were distributed during the week in the different avocations of the rooters." Indianapolis was last year regarded as poor soil for the growth of polo fans. A little perseverance, however, was all that was needed.

Nick McGilvary and Dicky Pierce make a star team of rushers for the Indianapolis team.

The western theatre managers who are located in towns where polo teams are complain of a poor business. Several theatrical companies are thinking of cutting out the polo towns as it is almost useless to try and compete with a polo game.

Speaking of masks, everybody is wondering why Bannon discarded his in the game the other night. The Indians' veteran goal tender says that the protection is the "real thing" and that he wouldn't play without it. He did, however. Dave Cusie and the other goal tenders haven't secured their front cage, and Dave says he don't know when his will get to Muncie. Jessup is as hostile to the idea as is Dave, and they are the two best in the league. Joe Fox, who is doing some creditable stunts for a one-eyed man, favors the mask. But then Joe had his eye knocked out. Joe said: "The mask is certain to come, just as it did in baseball."—Muncie Star.

If our memory is correct the above mentioned men who are now in favor of wearing masks, while in the east protested against the use of them, stating that it is next to impossible to guage the ball with any degree of accuracy with a cage over one's face.

The large rinks in the western league are responsible for the low scores made. The game is not near so exciting in the big rinks as in the small ones, for in the latter it takes a scientific juggler to take the ball the length of the rink.

FORESTERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Court Samuel de Champlain, F. of A., met last evening with a large attendance. The principal business was the election of officers for the ensuing six months, the installation of which will take place on the first Tuesday of next month. The following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Joseph Boudreau; sub-chief ranger, Alfred Giroux; financial secretary, Arthur Lavoie; treasurer, Paul Vigeant; recording secretary, J. E. Lippe; senior woodward, Eugene Boudreau; junior woodward, Wm. D. Sabourin; senior beadle, Onesime Grondines; junior beadle, Paul Morin; lecturer, Joseph Provost; trustee for three years, Wilbrod Bouthillette; deputy grand chief ranger, Geo. Lebrun of Court Garin; physician, Dr. A. E. Bertrand.

MATHEWS MET.

The regular meeting of the Mathew Temperance Institute was held last night with a good attendance. Six propositions for membership were received and five new members were admitted. The report of the anniversary committee was read showing that the preparations for the affair are progressing rapidly.

Nominating committees were chosen to bring in lists of candidates for the election on Dec. 29 and the indications point to many exciting contests. President Humphrey F. Sullivan, whose administration of affairs at the head of the organization has indeed been commendable, will not seek a re-election.

The society will indulge in dramatics to some extent this winter and the following committee has been chosen: Messrs. John A. McKenna, M. J. Nestor, James B. Coughlin, John J. Lyons and John J. Murphy.

GALLIVAN'S PLURALITY

ISAAC ALLEN WAS DEFEATED BY 39,000 VOTES.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Complete returns from every ward in the city, today, show that Mayor Patrick A. Collins, the democratic nominee, was re-elected mayor of Boston by a plurality of 26,495 over George N. Swallow, the republican candidate. This high vote for Mayor Collins exceeded the figure expected by his most hopeful friends. The total vote for Mayor Collins was 78,848, and for Mr. Swallow, 52,353. The mayor's plurality over Candidate Swallow was greater by 7000 than his plurality two years ago when he defeated the republican mayor, Thomas N. Hart.

As usual the city rolled up a high total in favor of license, the total vote being: Yes, 41,422; no, 22,868. Last year the figures were: Yes, 53,734; no, 27,198. With Mayor Collins were elected, with one exception, all the thirteen democratic candidates for the board of aldermen, the exception being in the case of Edward J. Bromberg, a republican nominee. Five of the aldermen elected, including four democrats and Mr. Bromberg, had been endorsed by the good government association. These were H. A. Frothingham, W. J. Hennessey, F. J. Kneeland, C. H. Slattery and Mr. Bromberg. The other aldermen elected were John E. Baldwin, James H. Doyle, Patrick Bowen, Hugh W. Bresnahan, Frank J. O'Toole, Edward L. Quigley, Daniel A. Whelton and James M. Curley. Alderman-elect Curley recently was convicted of fraudulently impersonating another at a civil service examination.

The landslide for Mayor Collins carried with it the defeat of the public school association, all of whose candidates for the school board were defeated. Every democrat nominated for the school committee was elected.

Isaac B. Allen, the negro who was nominated by the republicans for street commissioner, was defeated for that office by even a much greater plurality than was Swallow for mayor. James A. Gallivan, democrat, and present commissioner, received 51,495 while Allen, 12,786, a plurality for Gallivan of 39,115. Allen failed to receive the active support of the republican leaders, it is said, because his nomination was wholly unexpected.

As with the aldermen and school board, the high democratic rolling carried into the common council democrats from several wards, who never before have elected democrats to that body. Of the common council membership of 75, fifty-three of those elected are democrats and 22 republicans.

George W. Galvin, the socialist candidate for mayor, received 5210 votes, while William H. Carroll, the nominee of the socialist labor party, had 144.

MONSIGNOR USTI DEAD.

MADRID, Dec. 16.—Monsignor Usti, the last Spanish archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, died today at Zarauz, near San Sebastian. His body will be interred there by the side of the remains of Gen. Martinez de Campos.

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SHARP QUESTIONS

Put to Knapp in Rogers Murder Trial

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 16—Morris Knapp, the man for love of whom it is alleged Mrs. Henry H. Rogers murdered her husband, and who yesterday what appeared to be damaging testimony against the defendant, was given a pointed cross-examination when the trial was resumed today. For more than an hour the witness was besieged with a rapid fire of questions from the defendant's counsel without any material change in his story being made. Knapp appeared perfectly at ease and was ever ready with a quick response. The cross-examination was concluded with the question:

"Did you not tell Stella Bates that you were going to the annual encampment of the Vermont national guard and that it had been arranged to do away with Rogers during your absence?"

To this Knapp promptly responded: "No, sir; I never made such a statement to anybody."

The first real sensation of the trial came just after the forenoon recess when Levy Perham, brother of Leon Perham, who was indicted as a participant in the crime, told of an alleged attempt made by Mrs. Rogers to secure his assistance in murdering her husband. The details of her plan at that time, as recounted by the witness, were substantially the same as finally carried out by Mrs. Rogers, according to the testimony of Leon Perham.

According to the story told by Levy Perham today, Mrs. Rogers on one occasion sent for him and said she wanted a long, private talk with him. In the course of that conversation, witness said, Mrs. Rogers proposed that he assist her in doing away with her husband. They would go to Hoosick where Rogers was employed, she said, on an apparently friendly visit and by some means lead Rogers to make an exhibition of his strength and endurance. For instance they could use a skipping rope and get Rogers to skip until he was thoroughly exhausted. Then Perham was to spring upon him and after he had been overpowered Mrs. Rogers would administer chloroform and together they would throw the body into the river. For his part in the crime Perham was to receive $500 of the insurance on Rogers life. Witness said that he at first agreed to the plan, but after mature deliberation decided to have nothing to do with it. His direct examination had not been completed when a recess was taken until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

SKULL CRUSHED

Man and Wife Killed Instantly

LAKEVILLE, Conn., Dec. 16.—While driving across the tracks of the Harlem division of the New York Central railroad at Coleman station, five miles west of here Frank Scott and wife were struck by the Pittsfield express today and instantly killed. The man's skull was crushed while the woman was caught on the engine pilot and terribly mangled. Mr. and Mrs. Scott were about 50 years of age and were employed on a farm at Coleman station. The body of the horse was found under the depot platform.

BURGLARS FLED

THEY LEFT $30 WHICH WAS IN THE SAFE.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 16—Patrolman Turner frustrated a burglary at the coal office of E. H. Humphrey early this morning by firing several revolver shots at three men whom he discovered at work on the safe. The burglars returned the fire. The burglars then fled and left $30 which was in the safe unmolested.

INCREASE IN PAY

FOR POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN FAVORED.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 16.—The aldermen last night adopted an order to increase the pay of permanent firemen from $2.50 a day to $2.75, the lieutenants to $2.85 and captains to $3. These increases were provided in the finance resolution, which the common council refused to pass, several other advances having been included.

The patrolmen of the police department, who had petitioned for an advance of 25 cents per day, were also favored, an order to that effect being adopted.

Mayor Grant appointed William H. Russell, William F. Rutter and George W. Smith as cemetery trustees.

EMPERORS' WIFE

AT RECEPTION OF AUSTRIAN-HUNGARIAN DELEGATIONS.

VIENNA, Dec. 16.—Emperor Francis Joseph today received the Austrian-Hungarian delegations. The speech from the throne was chiefly notable for its stronger affirmation of his majesty's determination to maintain the Dreibund. "By a renewal of the triple alliance," said the emperor, "this well proved basis of our policy, which we have determined to maintain henceforth, has been reconsidered for the future."

The speech referred to the death of Pope Leo, to the gratifying foreign relations of the dual monarchy and to the close harmony between Austria and Russia in regard to the Balkans, with the object of "maintaining peace and the status quo in those regions in which we are receiving the energetic support of the other great powers."

His majesty also said Austria and Russia had no selfish aims in the Balkans and only have in view the establishment of peace, in the interest of the whole of Europe, to which end Austria-Hungary was endeavoring to induce Turkey to improve the position of the Christians and to restrain Bulgaria from encouraging revolt.

After mentioning the visits of "my dear, ally, the German emperor," the czar of Russia and the king of England, which give the desired opportunity for a personal exchange of views in regard to the Balkans and all other questions at present engaging the chancelleries, the speech continued:

"In Servia a change of dynasty has been brought about by a crime which must fill every civilized being with horror. It is to be hoped that this country, under its new ruler, may be directed towards its moral regeneration and a prosperous future."

The speech concluded with saying that the war office appropriation would be the same as last year and that it only asks for money to manufacture new quick firing guns, the work to be commenced in 1904.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

WALL STREET, 10.10 a. m. The tone of the opening stock market was heavy, partly reflecting a feeling of depression in the London market. A few stocks showed small fractional gains, but the majority declined. Losses were small and the trading was very light.

11 a. m.—Buying orders on a rather large scale appeared simultaneously in Sugar and Brooklyn Transit and the success in lifting these created a sympathetic demand for kindred stocks. Brooklyn Transit and Sugar rose 1⅝ each and Linseed, Manhattan and Westinghouse Electric 1. Other prominent stocks rose moderately. Peoria & Eastern gained 2 and Minneapolis & St. Louis fell 1½.

Noon—When Sugar reacted a point the whole list sagged to a lower price level under a dribble of stocks. Consolidated Gas after a decline of a point rose a point over last night. The trading took on a holiday tone of apathy and dullness. New York Central sold down a point and rallied 1½ on three transactions.

Bonds were heavy.

1 p.m.—The paucity of offerings when the traders realized led to some bidding up later in the active group and St. Paul and Sugar were advanced sharply. Sugar rallied to 125⅞, the highest, and St. Paul gained a point. Tennessee Coal and Car pfd. made a similar rise but the market in general was practically lifeless.

2 p. m.—The market became almost stagnant and prices yielded slightly from liquidation. The changes were scarcely appreciable. Colorado Fuel dropped 1½.

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PRISONERS GONE

Made Their Escape From Jail

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., Dec. 16—A sensational jail break occurred here last night and 13 prisoners effected their liberty by sawing the jail bars and breaking through the jail walls. Two of the prisoners, Bert Alverd and W. A. Stiles, were held as the principals in the Cochise train hold-up in this county a year ago. The former was under sentence of two years in the penitentiary and the latter had six indictments hanging over him on the same charges. The other escaped prisoners were Mexicans held for petty crimes. The prisoners left in a body, headed for the Mexican line.

Two Mexicans on the outside are suspected of assisting in the escape. Rangers are patrolling the boundary to prevent the prisoners from getting into Sonora.

OFFICERS ELECTED

BY CENTRALVILLE COUNCIL, ROYAL ARCANUM.

Centralville council, Royal Arcanum, held its regular meeting last night and eight candidates were initiated, while five applications for membership were received. The following members were elected to serve on the hospital fund association: Herbert L. Bishop, 5 years; A. H. Cluer, 4 years; Ashley Welcome, 3 years; Henry Boyd, 2 years; and Dr. Marston 1 year. The officers for the year 1904 are: Regent, Ashley Welcome; vice regent, Earl P. Taylor; orator, Louis A. Willett; chaplain, Clemen J. Seagel; secretary, W. F. Johnson; collector, Louis Fournier; treasurer, A. H. Cluer; past regent, Herbert L. Bishop; guide, James Boyd; warden, Willard N. Shields; sentry, Henry Boyd.

Herbert L. Bishop is representative and Charles B. Robinson is alternate to the grand council. Charles Clogston was elected trustee for three years. After the business of the meeting was transacted the following good of the order was enjoyed: Remarks by Ashley Welcome, Herbert Bishop; reading, Willard N. Shields and a game of medicine ball was participated in by the members, the blue winning.

CHARITY BALL NETTED $20,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The annual charity ball, given by church society people at the Auditorium, has netted $20,000 which will go towards building an annex to St. Luke's hospital. It was a court costume ball, the first to be given in Chicago. Seven double sets—112 dancers—composed the court quadrille, which was the chief feature. More than 2000 society folk occupied the boxes and the first balcony of the theatre.

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MANY HOMELESS

Twelve Houses Burned in Millvale

THE FIRE STARTED IN A PLANING MILL

The Loss Will be About $40,000

PITTSBURG, Dec. 16.—Between 75 and 100 people were rendered homeless early today and driven out into the cold by a fire which destroyed the planing mill and lumber yard of the Bennett Lumber and Manufacturing Co. at Millvale, Pa., and partially destroyed the planing mill and lumber stroyed a dozen houses adjoining.

The fire started in the engine room of the planing mill and for a time threatened the entire town. Aid was requested from Allegheny but before the engines reached Millvale the fire was under control.

The loss was $40,000.

COATING OF ICE

COVERS PART OF VILLAGE OF HALEDON.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 16—A large part of the village of Haledon, a suburb of this city, is covered with a thick coating of ice today as the result of the bursting of the Hoppers pond dam yesterday. The low ground on both sides of Belmont avenue was badly flooded and today many acres of land are under thick layers of ice. The condition of many of the roads is such that traffic has been suspended. The bridge over Haledon avenue was so badly damaged by the rushing waters that it is now useless.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational church was held in the vestry last night, Rev. Ralph Gillam officiating as moderator. During the early part of the meeting reports of the church treasurer, Frank C. Lawrence, and clerk of the church, Andrew Liddell, were read and accepted. The reading of the reports of the various committees and departments in the church was postponed until the second Sunday night in January.

The church during the past year has liquidated its debt nearly $1000, besides caring for all its current expenses. There were 77 new members admitted to the church. Received on confession 55, received by letter 22. Number of deaths 9. Dismissals 3. Net gain in members 65. The present membership of the church is 646. Males 191, females 455. The Ladies' Benevolent society performed excellent service the past year, and aided largely the church finances by its efforts.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Deacons elected for three years: E. W. Fletcher and William W. Richardson; clerk, Andrew Liddell; treasurer, Frank C. Lawrence; standing committee: Mr. John A. Osgood, Mrs. Frank Putnam, Miss Bessie White. Committee on state of church, Mr. Thomas H. Durning, Miss Elizabeth Holt and Miss Grace Fuller.

Discipline committee—Deacon Albert D. Carter, Mrs. Sydney Drewett, Mrs. John A. Osgood and Mr. Daniel E. Flack. Directors of Sunday school—Mr. Hiram R. Blanchard, Miss Annie M. Robbins, Miss M. Elizabeth Patterson and Miss Carole L. Richardson. Committee on poor—Deacon W. W. Richardson, Mr. Charles O. Hall, Miss Clara A. Hannaford, Miss Alice B. Stanbury, Mr. W. L. Davis and Mr. John Davidson.

Committee on new members—Miss Lydia E. Bigelow, Mrs. Alonzo Kidder, Mrs. W. W. Kelley, Mrs. Frank C. Lawrence, Mrs. Joseph T. Rexford, Mrs. H. R. Blanchard, Mrs. Charles O. Hall, Mrs. Arthur Bartlett, Mrs. Justin H. Kimball, Mr. J. R. Fulton and Horace R. Hanson.

Social committee—Deacon Justin H. Kimball, Joseph W. Griffin, Geo. Kittredge, Mrs. Edward Melvin, Mrs. E. J. Medina, Mrs. Frank D. Munn, Jr., Miss Lydwin Bernier, Mrs. H. F. Coon, Mrs. C. L. McCleery, Arthur Bartlett.

Committee on sick—Mrs. Daniel E. Flack, Mrs. T. H. Durning, Mrs. Alice E. Putnam, Mrs. L. A. Fletcher, Miss Hannah Varnum, Mrs. D. H. Wilson, George E. Reisben, Miss Grace Longmore, Miss Ethel Bates, Miss W. H. Curtis, Miss Lucy H. Parker, Robert S. Fulton, Mrs. Frank Hoyt, Harriette Sanborn, Mary Bakewell, Bessie Worall, Blanche Atkinson, Edith H. Beam.

The committee on nominations were: Miss Annie Robbins, Mrs. Frank C. Lawrence, Mr. H. R. Blanchard, J. T. Rexford.

GROCERS ELECT OFFICERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Lowell Retail Grocers' association was held at the Merrimac house last night. There was a good attendance of members, and after a sumptuous repast had been discussed the business meeting was held. The principal business before the body was the annual election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, George G. Reed; vice presidents, James Gibson, W. W. Richardson and James McKinley; clerk, P. J. O'Brien; treasurer, Alanson Gray; trustee, David Gerow; legislative committee, F. A. Tuttle, David Gerow and P. J. O'Brien. The legislative committee was given full power to go ahead in an effort to secure what legislation is deemed to be necessary.

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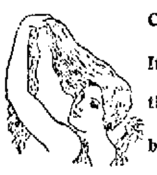
DEMURRER FILED.

BOSTON, Dec. 16—Attorney Boyd B. Jones, representing Kidder, Peabody & Co. in the suit of Receiver Pepper of the Bay State Gas company of Delaware against the Mercantile Trust company of New York and others, has filed a brief with the supreme judicial court on the plaintiff's bill of complaint and demurrer. The grounds of demurrer are as follows:

This court is without jurisdiction to set aside the sale of the Boston Gas companies to Kidder, Peabody & Co.; the bill is multifarious; the receiver of the Bay State Gas company of Delaware cannot maintain this suit to set the sale aside; want of equity; want of proper parties.

On the question of jurisdiction the brief says that the Bay State Gas company of New Jersey being the equitable owner of the stock of the Boston Gas companies, the receiver thereof is the only person who can maintain this suit and the court appointing such receiver is the only interest which can decide whether such suit should be brought.

FALLING HAIR



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NARROW ESCAPE

Admiral Rodgers Was Nearly Asphyxiated

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Rear Admiral Rodgers, commandant of the New York navy yard; Mrs. Rodgers, their son Frederick, and four servants, have narrowly escaped asphyxiation from coal gas in the commandant's house at the yard. Mrs. Rodgers and Frederick, as well as one servant, a Japanese, were attended by a physician and soon recovered. The admiral was not seriously affected.

Sometime after the family had retired the furnace in the basement began exuding gas. Almost every room in the house soon was filled with the fumes. The admiral was soon awakened by a choking sensation. Hastily flinging open the windows, he carried his wife and son out of their rooms to the fresh air. Prompt attendance soon restored them.

HATCH MAY DIE

WAS ATTACKED BY A SAVAGE BOAR.

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 16—John Hatch, a well-to-do Canaan farmer, was gored and severely bitten yesterday by a large boar which attacked him in a barnyard. As Mr. Hatch entered the yard the boar rushed at him and sank its tusks into his leg, throwing him to the ground. The boar ferociously continued its attack, biting Hatch in the side and arm. Cries of help brought farmhands to the yard, where the boar was driven off with pitchforks. Mr. Hatch's wounds were cauterized by a surgeon, but the wound in the leg developed blood poisoning and yesterday Mr. Hatch was brought to Pittsfield, where his leg was amputated at the knee. He is in a serious condition.

DAMAGE SLIGHT

JOILET COLLEGE FIRE NOT AS SERIOUS AS REPORTED.

The recent fire at Joliet college, at which several Lowell boys are students, which was at first supposed to be quite serious, was not as bad as reported. The loss will only slightly exceed $1000 and the fire was confined to the study hall and music hall. The students lost some books, but no clothing or other effects, and were in no danger.

THE BELVIDERES WON.

The Belvideres and Lowells bowled on Les Miserables alleys last night and the former team won by a margin of 41 pins. The first string was won by the Belvideres by seven pins, the second by four and the third by 30. Carr of the defeated team had the best single string, which was 93, while his three-string total of 259 was also the highest made. The score:

Belvideres—Queenan 251, Graves 249, Cole 237, Kennedy 250, Bowen 255; total, 1242.

Lowells—Coggeshall 227, Shay 245, Carr 259, Donahue 243, Edgell 227; total, 1201.

TRAFFIC DELAYED.

BOSTON, Dec. 17—Traffic on the N. Y., N. H. and H. railroad was delayed over an hour today on account of the inability of the railroad employes to close the drawbridge of the Neponset river at Neponset. The draw was opened to allow a tug to pass up the river. Attempts to close the structure failed, the machinery being out of gear.

OFFICIALS HOLDING ATTARIAN.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16—The Porte has complained to the United States legation that the acting officials at the American consulate in Alexandretta are preventing the embarkation of Attarian for whom the Porte instructed the local authorities to obtain a passage on an Italian steamer at the cost of the government. It was the opinion of the Porte that the embarkation of Attarian would remove the principal cause of complaint. The legation has not yet presented any demands for reparation.

The United States flagship Brooklyn left Beirut, Dec. 14. It was said she was going to Egyptian waters for gun practice.

PROMINENT LYNN MAN DEAD.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 16.—Philip A. Chase, chairman of the Metropolitan park commission in 1896, a member of the board since 1893 and of the preliminary commission from 1892, and at his death a member of the standing committee of the trustees of public reservations, died this morning at his home. He was born in 1834 and was at one time in the shoe business. He was an ex-chairman of the Lynn school committee, ex-chairman of the Lynn park commissioners, was for 20 years president of the Central National bank, was president of the Lynn Institution for Savings. He leaves a widow, two daughters and three sons. Mr. Chase was one of Lynn's first millionaires.

VETERAN IS DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—John C. Hennessey, a veteran New York newspaper man and formerly president of the New York Press club, is dead, after a long illness. He was born in Ireland 71 years ago and had occupied high positions on several leading dailies.

A NEW DOLGEVILLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—When Alfred Dolge, of Dolgeville, Herkimer Co., N. Y., failed in 1899 it was called "an economic tragedy" because it shattered hopes of establishing an ideal industrial centre fathered by Dolge.

The promoter is now here buying machinery and declares he has secured powerful financial backing for the establishment of a new Dolgeville to be located in southern California, two miles from Pasadena. Two companies have been formed he says, capitalized at $1,000,000. Land has been purchased, two acres of which will be set aside for a felt factory and two hundred for the building of a model town.

The factory will open with 200 operatives in a month or so. Many of the old hands from Dolgeville, N. Y., have already gone there.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 12.18; Jan. 12.27; Feb. 12.31; March 12.43; April 12.48; May 12.50; June 12.18; July 12.48; Aug. 12.16.

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DALY'S VICTORY

McNAMEE WAS BEATEN BY SEVENTY VOTES.

AUGUSTIN J. DALY.

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 16.—According to the total returns as figured today, Mayor John H. H. McNamee, democratic candidate for re-election was defeated for the office of mayor in this city, yesterday, by Judge Augustine J. Daly, by a plurality of 70 votes. The non-partisan victory, although it carried in Judge Daly, was not such a sweeping landslide as was at first supposed. The democrats succeeded in electing three out of the eleven members of the board of aldermen, while in the common council their quota of representation will be nine out of twenty-two. Judge Daly's total vote was 7,508 and Mayor McNamee received 7,438. Both John W. Coveney and Jeremiah F. Donovan, who were with Mayor McNamee last year as democrats, were elected as non-partisans, Mr. Coveny as an alderman and Mr. Donovan as principal assessor. Candidate Donovan polled a higher vote than did Judge Daly, his plurality over his democratic opponent being 853. The city went in favor of no license by a majority of 4,265. The vote was: Yes, 4,871; No, 9,136.

Every member of the school board was a non-partisan nominee. Rev. J. Henry Duskery, the negro clergyman who so actively supported Mayor McNamee, was among those defeated.

The democrats attribute their defeat to the defection of Messrs. Coveney and Donovan, who broke into the Democratic ranks and to the influence of ward leaders who, it is alleged, at the last hour, worked in behalf of Judge Daly's candidacy.

ANOTHER SHORTAGE

IN ACCOUNTS OF YALE NATIONAL BANK.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 16.—An additional shortage of $2,000, making the total thus fas known $17,000, has been discovered in the accounts of Asa C. Bushnell, the cashier of the Yale National bank, who committed suicide yesterday. In announcing this fact today, Gen. E. S. Greeley, president of the bank, said he was surprised to find that the shortage exceeded $15,000, the figures given out yesterday, but that information received this morning made it evident that the total would approximate $17,000.

General Greeley said that it would be impossible to tell definitely until tomorrow whether there is a still greater shortage, as the balances from correspondents in New York and Boston will not be mailed until tonight but he declared that he felt confident that the full extent of the defalcation has already been learned.

When asked how the bank knew that the cashier had been speculating, Gen. Greeley said:

"We are not saying anything; we are not sure. We have found a clue which makes us practically certain that we shall soon know just how Mr. Bushnell speculated and to what extent. We had no previous knowledge here that he was speculating."

VALUABLE TERMINALS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16—By lease from the Western Indiana railroad, the Chicago and Eastern Illinois has gained valuable freight terminals in the down town district. The lease which has just been recorded is for of the block properly bound by the Western Indiana tracks, Twelfth, Taylor and Clark streets.

GIVEN $5000 DAMAGES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—The Louisiana supreme court has given damages according to a despatch received here from New Orleans, in the sum of $5000 each to Peter Warner, Reuben Brown and Edward Warner against 30 citizens of Dodson, Winn parish, who had whitecapped them in an effort to secure information as to the author of several incendiary fires recently.

CHANGE TO ELECTRIC POWER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—The Interurban street railway company have prepared plans for the change to electric power on nearly all of the remaining horse car lines in the borough of Manhattan before Dec. 31, 1904. The cross-town line on 14th street has been equipped with the underground trolley and other cross-town and belt line horse cars will be converted in 1904.

TO PROMOTE ICE SKATING.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16—The American Skating association which proposes to control all minor organizations and to promote interest in ice skating, has been formed here. A constitution will be drawn up at the next meeting and rules drafted to govern all contests held under the auspices of the association in the future. The officers elected were: President, Louis R. Totz; secretary, E. H. Groenke; treasurer, Dr. J. N. Sandbloom.

WILL CURTAIL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 A two weeks' shut-down has been ordered of 60 boxboard plants included in the combination which recently formed the paper products company as a selling corporation, because of an over production of the product throughout the United States. The curtailment effected is approximated at 10,000 tons.

TO TEST THE LAW

Street Railway Appeals From $25 Fine

ATTLEBORO, Mass., Dec. 16—A test case of much interest to street railway owners in Massachusetts and said to be the first of the kind to be carried through the courts of the state, was begun here today, when Judge Byram, in the district court, imposed a fine of $25 on the interstate consolidated street railway company for neglecting to furnish school children with half-rate tickets. The charges were preferred by the school committee of Attleboro and are endorsed by the board of selectmen. The defendant appealed. Attorney Burdett for the company stated that in case the superior court should affirm Judge Byram's decision, the matter would be carried to the United States Supreme court to test the constitutionality of the law, which requires all street railways in the state to carry school children for half fare.

FOREIGN MISSION

STATEMENT MADE BY THE AMERICAN BOARD.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The American board of commissioners for foreign missions made public today a summary of Protestant foreign missions, prepared by its editorial secretary, Rev. E. E. Strong, D. D. In most of the items there is shown to be an advance over the reports of the preceding year. Th eincome of societies in the United States and Great Britain alone shows an increase of over $2,000,000. The statistics are as follows: Stations 5771; out-stations, 23,364; total missionaries, 16,618; native workers, 75,281; communicants in churches 1,397,042; pupils under instruction 1,127,853. The total native constituency is 3,613,391.

The United States is represented by 6391 stations and out-stations; 1617 men, 2638 women; 20,901 native laborers; 506,606 communicants, 43,723 added last year; 259,537 under instruction; the income of the societies represented is $7,176,845.

There are now on the rolls of the American board a total of 544. Ten years ago the total number was 557. During this period the native laborers have increased from 2741 to 3919. Eleven new churches were organized last year and 5903 members were added, making the total membership at present 59,585. The membership in the Sunday schools has increased about 70,000. From the beginning there have been received to the churches now connected with the board 169,169 persons.

In the Chinese missions of the American board there are more church members by 885 than before the Boxer outbreak, while the native laborers have increased nearly three fold. No other organization has such interests within the Turkish empire. These interests the Turkish government has failed to recognize as it should. European nations have succeeded in inducing the porte to grant privileges to their subjects which were guaranteed by treaties but which have until lately been withheld. At present our own government is seeking to secure the same privileges for American missionaries. These efforts have not as yet been successful.

SURPRISED WIFE

WHEN SHE DEVELOPED HUSBAND'S PHOTOGRAPH FILMS.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 16.—When Henry Hederson, a local real estate dealer, whose chief diversion is photography, neglected to take the undeveloped films from his camera he got himself into more serious trouble than would the average photographer by such slight oversight.

Hederson might have taken pictures only for their artistic significance. His wife thought so, and at last became so interested in his success that she desired to aid him. Having learned the process of developing, she thought she would surprise her husband and bring out certain undeveloped films which he had left in his camera after a picture taking trip.

The rest of the story is short. Mrs. Hederson went into the dark room with the films and with confidence in her husband. But as the photographs began to become visible, Mrs. Hederson saw strange things. The first one showed the likeness of a young woman. She says it is Miss Marie Johnson, dressed in male attire, and Hederson's attire at that.

The wife probed deeper into the secrets of the camera, and her surprise and chagrin grew as each film added its new pose of the husband's pretty model.

Photographs and love letters were carried to an attorney, and as a result the suit for a divorce was filed yesterday.

VELVET MILL CLOSED.

SHELTON, Conn., Dec. 16.—The silk and velvet mill of Sydney Blumenthal and Co. of this place has been shut down for an indefinite period. On account of the dullness of trade the employers announced that in order to run the mill the operatives would have to submit to a reduction of wages of from five to twelve and a half per cent. At a meeting of the operatives it was decided not to accept the cut. The mill was then shut down. It is said that the manufactured stock on hand will last for six or eight months.

YALE CHESS TEAM.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 16.—The Yale chess team which will play in the intercollegiate tournament in New York December 28, 29 and 30, will consist of the following men: E. B. Adams, Westport, Conn., 1904, Divinity school; A. Sandiford, Lawrence, Mass., 1904; E. B. Hull, Pittsfield, Mass., 1905; H. Palmer, Norwich, Conn., 1905. Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia will be represented in the tournament.

DIED OF OLD AGE.

MALDEN, Mass., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Mary Diana Converse, wife of Hon. Elisha S. Converse, and widely known through her active connection with many charitable organizations, died at her home here today after a brief illness. Old age is assigned as the cause of death.

Mrs. Converse was born in Tompson, Conn., in 1825, and was the daughter of Capt. Hosea Edmands. She was married to Mr. Converse in 1843 and they have lived in this city since 1850. They have one son and two daughters living. Mrs. Converse was a trustee of the Malden hospital, to which she had made many handsome gifts. She was also a member of many women's public and charitable associations in this city and in Boston. Together with her husband she presented the city of Malden with its public library and also contributed two-thirds of the amount needed for the construction of the Baptist church here.

WANT TO CURTAIL

British and American Mill Men's Plan

BOSTON, Dec. 16—The news that the mill owners of the great cotton manufacturing district of Southeast Lancashire had expressed a desire to enter into an agreement with American and Continental mill men to curtail production is regarded as important by textile interests of New England. One of the principal objections made against the plan proposed in the south last week was that Europeans might be able to send goods to the United States should the prices of goods here be forced up by a curtailment in this country, without an understanding with spinners abroad.

Should the plans of those who are now asking American manufacturers to enter into an agreement to stop their machinery part of the time, be successful, it is considered probable that the advances of the Lancashire men would be received favorably. The uncertainty in the industry and the difficulty of inducing all American manufacturers to act together are obstacles which the advocates of curtailment are meeting with at this time, so that it cannot be told what the ultimate effect of the closing campaign will be.

The Lancashire manufacturers, it is thought, intend that the movement proposed by them shall be world wide, an undertaking, it is believed, never before attempted.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC

HAS NOT REACHED ITS CULMINATION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Dr. Geo. Soper, a sanitary expert, engaged by the Engineering News to investigate the typhoid epidemic at Butler, Pa., and its causes, will report in tomorrow's issue of the publication that the epidemic has by no means attained its culmination, about fifty percent of the cases not having reached the critical stage. The epidemic which he regards as the most severe one of typhoid of recent record, he attributes to the suspension of the mechanical filtration of the city water supply. The report says that the water for the town is obtained from surface sources and is usually treated by mechanical filtration but that during changes in the water works plant unfiltered water from Conoquenessing Creek was supplied from Oct. 29 to Nov. 2, the epidemic starting on Nov. 5. In three weeks there were 1000 cases and up to Dec. 14, 1247 cases and 51 deaths had been reported.

SUNDAY BEER

JEROME WILL LEAD FIGHT FOR IT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—District Attorney Jerome has been placed at the head of a committee appointed by the excise committee of the Citizens' Union to wage a vigorous campaign for amendments to the excise law, including a provision for Sunday opening of saloons from 1 o'clock in the afternoon to 11 o'clock at night.

A letter written to be read at the meeting was received from Dr. Parkhurst, in which he said:

"I should, I think, assent with a good deal of earnestness that the saloons be opened for two hours each Sunday; but the 10 hours system I shall antagonize with all my might."

The minister says he recognizes the fact that there are thoroughly good citizens, who are sincerely law abiding but nevertheless believe that they have a right to get beer on Sunday.

MAY CONSIDER

STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY TOTAL ABSTINENCE UNIONS.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The representatives of both the Archdiocesan Union of Boston and of the Essex County Total Abstinence Union, consisting of the board of government of each union, will meet the reverend president of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, the Rev. Walter J. Shanley, rector of the Cathedral of Hartford, Conn., this evening at the Cathedral, for the purpose of considering the advisability of merging the Essex Union and the Boston Union.

Edwin Mulready, president, and Secretary Otho T. O'Leary of the latter union have been laboring for some time to bring the representatives of the respective unions together, when it would be possible for the national president to attend, and this evening has been agreed to by the several parties.

SMALL DAM BURST

FOUR THOUSAND PEOPLE WILL BE IDLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 Nearly 4000 persons will be idle in the Haledon district of Paterson, N. J., for several days because of the bursting of a small dam, which let loose the waters of Hoppers pond and flooded an area of 20 acres occupied by several large factories.

The flood subsided immediately, but machinery was coated with ice, making operations of the mills impossible. The water filled the basements of many buildings and soon froze. Streets for miles around were also coated with ice. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars.

BARK DESTROYED

FOUR OF THE CREW HAVE DISAPPEARED.

MARSEILLES, France, Dec. 16—The Italian bark San Leonardo was destroyed by fire this morning. Four of the crew have disappeared and two were injured. The flames were started by an explosion of petroleum and quickly spread throughout the vessel and thence to 30 laden freight wagons on the quay and to a schooner.

ITALIAN MURDERED

HIS BODY WAS FOUND IN THE GUTTER.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 16—The body of Cobino Colletta, an Italian, living at No. 112 Frank street, was found in the gutter opposite a saloon in the neighborhood of Colletta's home at a very late hour last night. There were two knife wounds in the back of his neck and he probably bled to death. No arrest has yet been made in connection with the murder.

ACTOR ENJOINED

IMPORTANT DECISION OF U. S. CIRCUIT COURT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. An important decision regarding theatrical contracts has been handed down by Judge Townsend, in the United States circuit court, who has made permanent an injunction asked for on behalf of the Castle Square Opera Co. against Frank Moulan, a comedian.

Under this decision, Moulan is restrained from appearing on the stage under any other management until his contract expires 18 months hence. The comedian set up the plea that the contract allowed his employer to break it on two weeks' notice and maintained the same privilege for himself.

STEAMER SCOTIA ARRIVES.

BUENOS AYRES, Argentina, Dec. 16.—The auxiliary screw steamer Scotia with the Scottish national Antarctic expedition, has arrived here from the Antarctic regions and will remain at Buenos Ayres a week after which she will return to the Falkland Islands, where six members of the expedition will remain in charge of the meteorological station. The expedition reached latitude 70.25 south.

PRINCIPAL FARR DEAD.

GLENS FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Daniel C. Farr, Ph. D., for 25 years principal of the Glens Falls Academy, died at his home here last night of endocarditis after a long illness. He was 56 years of age, a graduate of Williams college. The remains will be taken to Ashby, Mass., for interment.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—Cotton spot closed quiet; middling uplands 12.75; middling gulf 12.70; sales, none.

BATTLESHIP MAINE

ARRIVES BACK FROM THE ISTHMUS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The U. S. battleship Maine, which left Colon Dec. 9, reached this port last night, passing in by Sandy Hook at 7.30 o'clock.

The Maine comes here to repair her engines which were damaged by an accident prior to her departure for the isthmus.

After repairs have been effected she will proceed to the West Indies to take part in the winter manoeuvres.

PROF. McVANE

SHOWS WHERE GERMANY HAS AN ADVANTAGE.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—"We cannot carry rough rider methods and strenuousness into this. We are placed in a position of receiver of stolen goods. As it is, our mouths are shut if Germany ever tries to recognize the independence of the German colonies in Brazil from that power. Where is your Monroe doctrine then? If this awkward predicament does not come home to most, I shall be much surprised."

Thus spoke Prof. Silas M. McVane of the history department of Harvard university in closing his side of the debate on "The rights and wrongs of our Panama policy." The discussion was held under the auspices of the Economic club at the Exchange club last night. The affair was called a smoke talk, but it developed into a spirited discussion of principles of international law.

Prof. A. B. Hart, also of the history department at Harvard, opened the debate, defending the administration's position.

Winslow Warren followed and argued along the same lines as Prof. McVane.

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TO FIGHT RUSSIA

Japanese Statesmen Confer on a Program

TOKIO, DEC. 16—IN CONSEQUENCE OF RUSSIA'S REPLY A SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF THE ELDER STATESMEN OF JAPAN, INCLUDING THE MARQUIS ITO AND THE CABINET MINISTERS, IS PROCEEDING HERE TODAY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STATESMEN ARE CONSIDERING THE ADOPTION OF A FIRM STAND AGAINST RUSSIA.

GEN. KODAMA, THE WAR MINISTER, WAS PRESENT FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE CONFERENCE.

THERE IS RENEWED ACTIVITY AT THE ADMIRALTY IN VIEW OF A POSSIBLE NAVAL DEMONSTRATION.

FACTORIES HAD TO CLOSE

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., DEC. 16.—HUNTINGTON, CATTLESBURG, ASHLAND, IRONTON AND ALL SMALLER TOWNS IN THIS SECTION ARE WITHOUT NATURAL GAS TODAY AND PRACTICALLY ALL THE FACTORIES, LARGE AND SMALL, HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CLOSE, THE RESULT OF A BREAK IN THE PIPES NEAR WARFIELD, KY.

THE DAVIS CASE

The Facts Will be Presented

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Acting Secretary of State Adee, in the matter of assault upon U. S. Consul W. R. Davis by Turkish officials and police at Alexandretta, has cabled Minister Leishman to present the facts to the Turkish government and inform it that the case is one seeming to invite an expression of regret and reparation. The state department does not indicate what measure of reparation is expected but it is understood that the Turkish government certainly will by removal or otherwise punish the offending Turkish officials at Alexandretta and compensate Attarian for the losses and injuries he has sustained. The Turkish government is willing to compensate Attarian and deport him. It is understood that the main offense is the assault upon the United States consul, a matter of gravity in international law. The consul has found refuge for the time being at Beirut, awaiting instructions as to whether or not he shall return to his post. The information that has reached the department is to the effect that Mr. Davis was acting entirely within his rights in protecting a naturalized American citizen. He was set upon by five Turkish policemen and dragged along the ground. It also appears incidentally that upon recovering his footing the consul promptly and soundly thrashed all five of the policemen.

LYING IN STATE

BODY OF BISHOP BRADLEY REMOVED TO CATHEDRAL.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 16.—The body of the late Right Rev. Denis M. Bradley, Roman Catholic bishop of Manchester, was taken from the Episcopal residence this afternoon to St. Joseph's Cathedral. The body was borne by the Sheridan guards, escorted by a number of church societies. The features of the late prelate will be viewed by the public tonight and until the pontifical high mass tomorrow a dozen organizations will act as guard at intervals.

The solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the dead bishop this forenoon at St. Anselms college. The celebrant was the Right Rev. Abbott Hilary, president of the college.

GOVERNOR BATES

WILL HAVE CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Governor John L. Bates left for Washington today where he is to have a conference with President Roosevelt. The governor will return on Saturday, but will not be at the state house again before Tuesday of next week. On account of the absence of the governor, the executive council took no action today on the petition for a pardon of Henry K. Goodwin, who is now serving a life sentence in state prison for the killing of Albert D. Swan at Lawrence about 18 years ago.

ROBBED A BANK

QUIMBY, Iowa., Dec. 16.—The bank of Quimby has been robbed of $2,500. The robbers escaped.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The stock market opened heavy. Amalgamated Copper 47¾, Atchison 68½, Baltimore & Ohio 79½, Brooklyn Transit 49¾, Erie 29, Missouri Pacific 92¾, Norfolk & Western 57¾, Penna. 117¾, Reading 48¼, Rock Island 25¾, Sugar 123¾, St. Paul 143¾, Southern Pacific 48¾, Southern Railway 21⅛, Union Pacific 75½, United States Steel 10¾, do. pfd. 52⅞.

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THE CUBAN BILL

Senator Spooner Heard in Its Behalf

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The senate was prompt today in taking up the Cuban reciprocity bill and Mr. Spooner was immediately recognized. He began by remarking that it was strange that the senate should find it necessary to spend so much time in consideration of a bill which had been so promptly accepted by the house. This attitude he declared, was inconsistent with the attitude of senators who not long ago were engaged in accusing the white faced patient man who then occupied the executive mansion with ulterior motives in standing out against war with Spain for the liberation of Cuba.

Mr. Spooner spoke of the varying positions of the opponents of the bill and especially of the introduction of the Newlands resolution inviting Cuba to become a part of the United States, deprecating it and saying that he hoped it would be postponed indefinitely, because, he said, sometimes invitations are regarded as commands.

SENATE RECESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The senate committee on appropriations today agreed to report without amendment the holiday adjournment resolution providing for a recess from Dec. 19 to Jan. 4.

IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—When the house convened today consideration of the pensions appropriation bill was resumed in committee of the whole, Mr. Gibson (rep. Tenn.) being the first speaker.

He said the president had pursued a wise and prudent course in connection with the Panama situation. He declared that the south was prospering under republican tariff laws and would prosper under a republican isthmian canal. He said the tariff was like of pair of suspenders—too tight in some places and too loose in others, but very needful just the same.

OPINIONS DIFFER

AS TO EFFECT OF SALE OF "SOO" ASSETS.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 16.—Opinion differs in Toronto as to the effect of the sale of the "Soo" assets in New York yesterday. Messrs. Shields, Conmee, R. J. Clergue and Coyne unite in saying that the sale was not [illegible] will not effect the order of the Canadian court. It is practically assured that the government will make no effort to pay off the claims against the properties.

The reorganizing syndicate represented by Messrs. Drummond and Clergue claim to have secured $[illegible] toward the underwriting of the new company supplied chiefly by New York capitalists. James Conmee says the basis of the underwriters' plan provides for a reorganization of the company with the issue of new stock and bonds. Those who subscribe will get for their $[illegible] $[illegible] bonds and a bonus of $[illegible]. That will leave $[illegible] of treasury stock. Old stockholders can come in on the arrangement by paying an assessment of $3 a share.

ARCHITECTS CHOSEN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Peters and Rice, architects of Boston, have been selected under the competitive system of the treasury department as the architects of the new federal building at Marblehead, Mass.

VESSEL ASHORE.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 16.—The steam fishing vessel Alice Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, bound from Gloucester Mass., for Bay of Islands, to load frozen herring, went ashore at daylight this morning near Cape Race and will probably be a total loss. The crew is safe.

PRINCETON HOCKEY TEAM.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 16.—The manager of the Princeton University Hockey team announced today that a Christmas trip had been arranged consisting of four matches. Two will be played in Pittsburg on Dec. 26, with the Western Pennsylvania team and on Dec. 28 with the Interscholastic team of Pittsburg. On Dec. 29 and Dec. 30 games will be played at Pittsburg with Yale. The team will leave Pittsburg Christmas night.

THE WOOD INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Sec. Root was the first witness today before the senate committee on military affairs which is investigating the protests against the confirmation of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major general. His testimony was in defence of Gen. Wood. He read extracts from official correspondence bearing on the charges and also concerning Gen. Wood's administration as governor general of Cuba. He was on the witness stand two and a half hours.

TWO MEN DEAD

Killed in Collision Between Trains

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Dec. 16.—Two men lost their lives, one was fatally hurt and several others were more or less severely injured in a collision of two sections of a freight train on the Frisco system south of Pawnee, Kas., today. The members of the crew who escaped death were forced to jump from the high trestle or be burned in the wreckage.

GREAT SURPRISE

AT NEWS OF LOSS OF FISHING STEAMER.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 16.—News of the loss of the fishing steamer Alice M. Jacobs was received in this city with much greater surprise than usually follows that conveying information of the loss of a sailing vessel. The Alice M. Jacobs was the only steam vessel ever engaged in the Gloucester fishing service and probably the only craft of the kind in existence. Her commander and managing owner, Capt. Sol Jacobs of this city, is known far and wide as one of the most successful fishermen that ever sailed from this port. He is known as the leading high liner among the mackerel fleet.

The Jacobs was built at Essex in 1892 and was fitted in Boston with boiler and engine. She registered 221 tons gross measurement, was 133 feet in length, 14 in breadth, and was 12 feet deep. Her engine is of 400 horsepower.

During the past season Capt. Jacobs broke all records for the size of his mackerel cargoes and has done a flourishing business. It is estimated that the steamer was worth $25,000. She was insured.

Capt. Jacobs has been wrecked several times. Several years ago his schooner, the Ethel B. Jacobs, was lost off the coast of Ireland. The vessel was a total wreck but none of the crew was lost.

MONEY ON CALL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Noon—Money on call steady at 5¼ per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

Exchanges, $246,701,391; balances, $10,746,372.

ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 16.—The celebration of the 25th anniversary of Rev. John Cotton Brooks, brother of the late Bishop Phillips Brooks, as rector of Christ Episcopal church, began at 11:30 o'clock this morning with a holy communion service, celebrated by Bishop Alexander H. Vinton of western Massachusetts. Many church dignitaries from New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other cities were present and the church was crowded with members of the parish and of other churches. Following the communion service short addresses of a congratulatory nature were made by Bishop William N. McVickar of Rhode Island; Rev. F. W. Tompkins, rector of Holy Trinity church, Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. Harry P. Nichols, rector of Holy Trinity church, Harlem; Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Grosvenor, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, New York; Rev. Dr. Arthur Lawrence, rector of St. Paul's church, Stockbridge; Rev. Dr. D. D. Addison, rector of All Saints church, Brookline; Rev. Leighton Parks of Emmanuel church, Boston, Rev. James DeWolf Perry, rector of Christ church, Fitchburg; Bishop Frederick Burgess of Long Island and Bishop William Lawrence of Massachusetts.

EXCHANGES AND BALANCES.

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BANK PRESIDENT

Arrested by United States Marshal

IS CHARGED WITH MAKING A FALSE ENTRY

Involving a Note for $5000

WOODSVILLE, N. H., Dec. 16.—Albert H. Eastman, president of the Berlin National bank of Berlin and vice president of the Gorham National bank of Gorham, was arrested here today by United States Marshal Nute on a charge of making a false entry involving a note for $5000 at the first named institution. Eastman is held in $10,000 bonds.

The arrest was made on the arrival of the morning train from Lancaster, on which Mr. Eastman was proceeding to Berlin and after a brief hearing before United States Commissioner Shurtleff, held in the parlor of the Hotel Wentworth, at which Eastman pleaded not guilty and bail was fixed at $10,000, the bank president was taken to Berlin, where an effort was made to secure bail. The papers for the arrest were issued at the request of United States District Attorney Hamblett on representations made by Bank Examiner Carroll, on the ground that a $5000 note signed by George M. Marshall, cashier of the Gorham National bank, had been falsely entered on the books of the Berlin National bank, with intent to deceive. The bank examiner alleged that there was reason to believe that Eastman was the maker of the note and not Marshall. Eastman said today that the note was all right and that it was well secured and that the matter could easily be explained to the satisfaction of all concerned.

EASTMAN IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, N. H., December 16.—President A. H. Eastman of the Berlin National bank arrived today from Woodsville in the custody of United States Marshal Eugene P. Nute, having been arrested at Woodsville on a charge of making a false entry on the books of the bank here. Mr. Eastman, in custody of the marshal went directly to the bank and soon afterwards efforts were begun to secure bail in $10,000, which had been named at a hearing held at Woodsville immediately after the arrest. Mr. Eastman seemed to consider the whole matter the result of a misunderstanding, which he said would soon be wholly straightened out. In an interview obtained shortly after he arrived, Mr. Eastman said: "The United States authorities apparently suspect a joint note, but this is not so. The transaction is above board and perfectly honest and honorable in every respect. It was made to deceive nobody and the proceedings in due time will be satisfactorily explained. The note is perfectly good and is secured by stock of the Gorham National bank of which Marshall is cashier, in excess of the face of the note."

The United States authorities refused to discuss the matter saying that they were acting under orders received from U. S. District Attorney Hamblett by whom the papers in the case were issued.

While Mr. Eastman and his friends were endeavoring to secure bail, the United States authorities were serving summonses on various residents of the city to appear before the United States grand jury at Concord. Among those ordered to Concord were persons interested in the City Supply Co., which failed here about a year ago and also investors in the Berlin Water Co., which recently sold out to another concern which is now supplying the city with water. The books of both these concerns are included in the summonses which have been issued, and also the books of the Berlin Independent. Mr. Eastman, it is understood, has been interested in all three of these concerns, having been treasurer of the City Supply Co., and having financed the transaction by which the water company was sold.

Mr. Eastman is about 40 years old. He has been a resident of Berlin since about 1890, at which time he started a private bank with a capital of about $5000. From that beginning he has branched out widely along financial lines, having organized the Berlin National bank, the North Conway Loan and Banking Co. at North Conway, the Groveton National bank at Groveton, the Farmers' and Traders' National bank at Colebrook and the American National bank of Boston. A few years ago the Groveton National bank was transferred to Gorham and became the Gorham National bank, which figures in the pending case against Mr. Eastman.

The persons summoned to appear before the grand jury expressed surprise at the action of the authorities and claimed to be utterly at sea as to the line of evidence which they will be expected to give. It is understood that National Bank Examiner Carroll has been at work on the case for some weeks and it is said that his investigations have covered various transactions said to have taken place between Eastman's banks and some of the companies in which he was interested.

The Berlin National bank is patronized generally by concerns and individuals interested in the lumber trade in this section. The Gorham National bank, of which Eastman is vice president, although he is said to own $18,000 of the $25,000 capital, has been considered prosperous.

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MANSLAUGHTER

Charge Against Boy is Dismissed

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 16.—Wilfred Belanger, 14 years of age, was arraigned in district court today, charged with stealing a horse and carriage and with manslaughter in causing the death of Cornelius Crowley, who was struck on a street crossing Saturday night by the horse which was running away with the lad. The prosecution charged the boy with responsibility for the result of his unlawful act in stealing the horse. Judge McDonough ruled that the runaway horse could be said to be outside of the lad's control at that moment and the court did not believe that a jury would convict the boy of manslaughter. Marshal Hillard thereupon nol prossed the manslaughter charge and pressed that of illegally taking a horse and wagon. On this charge Belanger was found guilty and already having a police record, he will be sent to a state institution on arrival of the state agent tomorrow.

HELD IN $5000

Syrians Hurt in a Gambling Quarrel

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 16.—Three Syrians and an Arabian arraigned in the district court today and pleading not guilty, were held in bonds of $5000 each on the charge of complicity in a gambling quarrel which resulted in the probably fatally wounding of Charles Potaker and injury of less serious nature to Felimn Haurian, both Syrians, on Sunday night. The men who were arrested yesterday morning are Nasave Allas, 20 years, an Arabian; Sliman Hasler, 22 years; Charles Simon, 22, and Francis Simon, 18, all Syrians. They will come up for trial December 29th. Small hope of Potaker's recovery is held by the hospital physicians.

MILLS WILL RUN

IF THEY ARE SUPPLIED WITH COTTON.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 16.—No cable notice of action taken by Lancashire, Eng., cotton manufacturers, had been received in this city up to noon today. The consensus of opinion in this city seems to be that mills which are well supplied with cotton will run, others may stop, but it is doubtful if a concerted curtailment movement is possible in this city at the present time. No notice either has been received from the committee of 15 southern manufacturers which was appointed at the Charlotte, N. C., convention of southern mill owners to arrange a conference in Washington.

LOOMIS' SPEECH

LAID BARE SOME PERTINENT FACTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The speech of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis last night at the banquet of the Quill club of New York, in which he laid bare some pertinent facts in regard to the attitude of Colombia toward the Hay-Herran treaty was the subject of considerable gossip today here and there was much speculation as to the effect it would have on the future course of Gen. Reyes, the special envoy of Colombia now in Washington. When seen today Gen. Reyes admitted that he had read Mr. Loomis' address but declined to make a statement. "I am a diplomat," said he, "and it would ill become me to make any comment."

GREAT DIFFICULTY

IN CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TUNNEL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Serious difficulty is being encountered in the construction of the new East river tunnel from the Battery by the New York Tunnel Co., owing to the nature of the river bed at that point. About ten days ago a leak about 360 feet from the shore drove the workmen from the tunnel. Air compressers were set to work to expel the water but the air pressure has found an escape nearer shore, seriously weakening the pile foundation of one of the ferry slips. When the pressure is high, it is said, a geyser of water boils up beneath the ferry house and last night a large part of the flooring of the house which had settled from 2 to 4 inches, was railed off to prevent ferry passengers from congregating there.

A large sheet of canvas now covers the river bed where the first leak developed and large quantities of gravel and cement have been sunk along the line of the tunnel to furnish resistance to the air pressure.

NEW POSTMASTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Isaac R. Thatcher, 2nd., has been appointed fourth-class postmaster at Yarmouth, Mass.

CABINET RESIGNED.

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 16.—The Ralli cabinet has resigned, the premier being unable to find sufficient support in the chamber of deputies to carry out his policy.

VENEZUELAN CASE.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 16.—With the exception of France all the powers interested in the Venezuelan arbitration have forwarded to the tribunal a notification of the verification of their claims by the Caracas commission. Judgment will be delivered early in February.

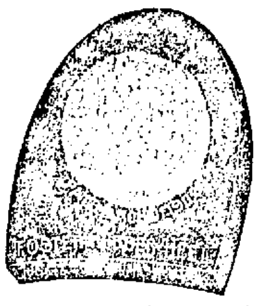
TELEPHONE DIVIDEND.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—The directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. today declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent. and an extra dividend of ¾ per cent.

TWO FRAUDS.

The merchant who would try to sell a pair of shoes without opening the box in which they came from the factory, would be regarded as a fraud and a trickster, and the newspaper which denies to the advertiser all the information he desires in reference to its circulation, must not expect the confidence of its patrons.

There's Never a Slip



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Many a man who has been fooled by the "Pay When Cured" racket, knows that it is the last and only resort of a dying out pretender to get a patient into his clutches. Beware of such schemes. Don't be deceived by misleading statements such as these seemingly charitable offers.

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ORIGINAL PACKAGE

Joyce and Blacktin Were Found Not Guilty

In the superior criminal court at East Cambridge today, Judge Hardy, in the original package case, Charles H. Joyce and Leo Blacktin, defendants, ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty. The district attorney said he had no evidence to offer and the jury complied with the order of the court without leaving their seats.

It will be remembered that Messrs. Joyce and Blacktin did a lucrative business in the sale of original packages. The packages contained a quart of Canadian ale and sold for 35 cents each. Supt. Moffatt got several samples of the ale and submitted his case to the district attorney. The sale of the packages was stopped pending the result of the trial. In reply to a Sun reporter's question this afternoon Mr. Joyce said he had not decided relative to re-engaging in the sale of the original packages.

GOT TWO YEARS

Fred Briere Sentenced to House of Correction

He Robbed the Cash Drawer in a Lakeview Avenue Grocery Store — Briere Has a Police Record

Fred Briere, alias Fred Brayers, one of the slickest thieves known to the local police, was sentenced by Judge Hardy in the superior criminal court at East Cambridge, today, to two years in the house of correction.

Briere was charged with the larceny of $262 from Arthur Lacombe who conducts a grocery store in Lakeview avenue. Briere was well known to the police before he robbed the cash drawer in the grocery store and even at that time the police were looking for him.

It was on the afternoon of Oct. 27, 1902, that Briere and a companion entered Mr. Lacombe's store and asked for a quart of molasses. Briere had been in the store several times before and knew that Lacombe kept his molasses in the back of the store. He was not aware that Lacombe had two grades of molasses and that he kept the best in the back store and the cheap molasses in the front store. When asked if he wanted the best or the cheapest Briere said he wanted the cheapest and he was surprised when Mr. Lacombe served him without going to the back store.

Briere and his companion were foiled but not discouraged and in less than an hour they returned and said they wanted to buy some onions. Briere's companion said he wanted to see the onions before buying them and Mr. Lacombe took him to the back store, leaving Briere dangerously near the cash drawer. Briere didn't lose any time in making the connection and after Mr. Lacombe and the other fellow had been in the back store about three minutes Briere called to his companion and said: "I will meet you at the corner."

That, of course, was to tip his partner that everything was all right and the fellow bought the onions and went out by the back door. A few minutes later Mr. Lacombe went to the cash drawer and found that he had been touched to the tune of $262.

Briere is 24 years old. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts reformatory, has served three months in the common jail in Lowell for the larceny of watches and one year in the house of correction at Georgetown.

When Briere was arrested he was very reticent, but when he did start talking he told the officers at the police station that there were only three men in the business in Lowell that were worthy of the title of "crook" and he said he was one of them. "I like the fellow that can work all by his lonesome," he said to Deputy Welch.

NO CHANGE IN FINES.

Two other Lowell cases disposed of by Judge Hardy at East Cambridge today were those of John Donnelly and Thomas McNerney charged with illegally exposing and keeping for sale intoxicating liquors. The fines imposed by Judge Hadley in the lower court were confirmed. Donnelly was fined $50 and McNerney $100. Donnelly kept at 4 Corbett place and McNerney at 110 Chapel street.

DUMMER STREET

Remonstrance Coming to New Street Project

Judging from the inquiries made at city hall today in regard to the Dummer street extension matter it would appear that there will be lively opposition to the project from real estate owners in the vicinity.

The proposed extension brings the new street out only a few feet away from Malden lane, leaving that unsightly thoroughfare intact. Thus there will be a street and an alley running through with insufficient space between to admit of the erection of a building of good size. Furthermore there is objection on the ground that the land damages asked are exorbitant.

COURSEY FUNERAL

ONE OF THE "OLD TIMERS" LAID AT REST.

The funeral of Jeremiah Coursey, better known as "Darby Coursey," took place yesterday afternoon and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery by Undertaker O'Connell.

Coursey died at the age of 92, the last two decades of which were passed in feebleness and hardship, but in his day he was one of the strongest men in Lowell. He worked for Staples Bros. and other contractors, and was engaged on the building of most of the Lowell mills, on St. Patrick's church, and the Lowell jail. He used to carry heavy stone sills in his work, long before horse power was used. In 18[illegible] while engaged on the rebuilding of [illegible] mill he fell with the old wall and dislocated both shoulders. For a time afterward he continued at hard work but his injury coupled with his age caused him to engage in a lighter occupation and he collected junk until he became too feeble to work at all.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Communications have been sent to the various Catholic societies in the city asking them to appoint delegates to attend a convention in January for the purpose of devising means in which to celebrate St. Patrick's day. The convention will be held in Hibernian hall and will be called to order by Martin J. Crowe, whose name with that of Mr. Frank J. Kierce appears on all communications.

It is not known, at this writing, in what manner the birthday of Ireland's patron saint will be observed next year, although the meeting will doubtless see a diversity of ideas.

LADIES AUXILIARY

OFFICERS ELECTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

At the meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 1, A. O. H., last night the following officers were elected: President, Norah T. Reardon; vice president, Margaret Hickey; financial secretary, Kate J. Gorgan; treasurer, Mrs. Maurice O'Connor. Nineteen young women joined the organization and it was stated that during the three months that Miss Reardon has occupied the position of president one hundred members have been admitted.

Dr. James E. Leary attended the meeting and stated that he would offer a prize of $5 to the member who brings in the largest number of members during the next six months.

The following resolutions on the death of Nellie Kirby were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our late sister, Nellie Kirby; and

Whereas, the intimate relations long held by our deceased sister with members of this auxiliary render it proper that we should place on record our appreciation of her services as a worthy member; therefore be it

Resolved, by Ladies Auxiliary, No. 1, A. O. H., that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High we do not less mourn for our sister who has been called from her labors to rest;

Resolved, that in the death of Nellie Kirby this order loses a sister who was always active in her work as a member, ever ready to assist the needy and distressed of the fraternity; prompt to advance the interests of the order; devoted to its welfare and prosperity; one who was wise in counsel and fearless in action, honest and upright, whose virtues endeared her not only to her sisters of the order but to all who knew her.

Resolved, that this auxiliary tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives of our deceased sister in their sad affliction.

Resolved, that these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this order, a copy sent to the press, and one to the family of our sister.

NORA T. REARDON, Pres.,
MARGARET HICKEY,
MRS. M. O'CONNOR,
BRIDGET GAYNOR,
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WHISKEY SEIZED

Globe Hotel Visited by the Liquor Squad

Three members of the liquor squad, Brown, Duncan and Corcoran, swooped down on the Globe hotel this afternoon and seized a quantity of whiskey. No arrest was made.

VIGOROUS KICK

Made by Residents of Centralville

The residents of Christian Hill are making a strenuous kick over the change of time of running the Christian Hill car, which will go into effect tomorrow. Many of the residents of the hill by the arrangement now in vogue are able to make connections whereby they can go home to dinner, but the new schedule will make it impossible to do this. A number of the patrons of this line claim that the falling off of the number of people who ride will be quite large.

Another cause for kick is owing to the fact that some of the residents who use the line work at the machine shop and in the vicinity of Western avenue and the depot and it was not necessary to change cars going to and from work, but by the arrangement which will go into effect tomorrow morning, changes will have to be made at the square.

While a great many people are kicking over the change it is also benefiting a great many and the railroad company is making the change in order to give better service to the patrons of the road. It is understood that the Boston & Northern within a short time will run big double truck cars on all the lines excepting the Christian Hill line and the Varnum avenue and Pawtucketville lines. It would be impossible to try and get the big cars up the hills in Centralville, while on the other hand the city will not allow big cars to pass over the Pawtucket bridge, and owing to this fact the Pawtucketville and Christian Hill lines were combined in order to keep the small cars on one line.

It is given out on good authority that the small cars are being sent to smaller cities where the Boston & Northern operates cars and either new or changed over cars of the large pattern will be used in this city.

WOMEN ROBBED

WERE ATTACKED BY TWO SMALL BOYS.

LYNN, Dec. 16. Small boy snatch thieves robbed two women in Lynn within 24 hours. About 5.30 o'clock last evening, while Mrs. Lizzie Hodges was going to her home in Ellis place, a crowd of small boys followed her on Silsbee street, and as she turned into the place one of them, not over 12 years of age, rushed up to her, snatched her handbag and ran before she could get any description of him. In the bag was her pocketbook, containing a small sum of money and other valuables.

Monday evening a woman named Holmes, residing on Broad street, Holmes, residing on Broad street, Lynn, was "held up" by a 12 year-old boy at the corner of Washington and Oxford streets, who grabbed her handbag and disappeared in the crowd. This bag contained a small sum of money.

DEATHS

SHALLOO—Mrs. Sarah Shalloo, nee O'Donnell, aged 28 years, died yesterday at her home in Billerica. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband Dennis, and three sons.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at nine o'clock when a high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Andrew's church, North Billerica.

SHEPARD—Died December 16, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Shepard, at the home of Mr. George W. Fisk, 216 Appleton street. The deceased was 79 years and 10 months of age.

VETERAN ACTOR IS DESTITUTE.

ALAMEDA, Cal., Dec. 16—Suffering from rheumatism and practically destitute, William Lansfen, who was once a popular actor playing in leading roles with Edwin Booth, has been moved to the county infirmary.

The Washington Savings Institution

DEPOSITS

$1,200,000.00

265 Central Street
Lowell, Mass.

THREE PERISHED

Mother and Children Burned to Death

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 16.—James Crosby's wife and daughter Grace, the latter aged 13, were burned to death in their home in this city early today while a son, James, is missing and is believed to also to have perished.

The members of the family were asleep when the fire started from the kitchen stove and were not aroused until neighbors broke in the door.

HOLY ORDERS

WILL BE RECEIVED BY MANY APPLICANTS FRIDAY.

On Friday morning next at the Cathedral in Boston the following named will receive holy orders:

Priesthood—Michael F. Creedon, John F. Deignan, James Higgins, Francis E. Rogers, Edmund D. Daly, Charles A. O'Brien, John J. Sheehan, John B. Condon, for the archdiocese of Boston, and William H. O'Malley, Patrick F. O'Malley, James W. McGrath, William J. Morin, diocese of Springfield.

Deacons—John F. Burns, Edward J. Carey, James F. Hanley, Frederick J. Allchin, Edward A. Costello, Edward F. Crowley, Michael J. Duffy, William B. Flinigan, Edward J. Fraher, Walter Gill, Dennis J. Maguire, Edward P. Murphy, John J. O'Brien, William F. Toohig, William T. Walsh, John F. Walsh, for archdiocese of Boston, and James J. Maghnis, Hartford diocese; Joseph P. Coleman and Camille Villiard, diocese of Providence.

Sub-deacons—Thomas F. McHugh, James A. Donnelly, George B. Quigley, William Duffy, for Boston archdiocese.

Today, at chapel of St. John's seminary, Brighton, orders were conferred on the following named:

Sub-deacons—Frederick J. Allchin, Edward A. Costello, John J. O'Brien, Joseph P. Coleman, archdiocese of Boston.

Minor orders—For Boston archdiocese, T. James Hurley, William J. O'Connell, Daniel J. O'Connor, Joseph P. Lynch-Earley, William T. Curry, Dennis J. Lynch, Walter J. Roche, and for the diocese of Hartford, Conn., Michael J. Ryan.

Tonsure George A. Gately, John C. Buckley, James E. McCarthy and Timothy J. O'Connor of the archdiocese of Boston.

LOUD APPLAUSE

FOR CO-RESPONDENT IN A DIVORCE SUIT.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Applause for a co-respondent is not a common occurrence in divorce court proceedings, but it was heard yesterday when Maj. Studdart concluded his speech in his own defence in the course of the hearing of the suit brought by David Bispham, the operatic singer, against his wife. Maj. Studdart spoke for upward of an hour. Referring to the manner in which he claimed the case against him had been got up, the major said: "Every one has heard of the manner in which an unsuccessful plunger will take up a race card, and at haphazard, pick the name of some horse on it to back. In the same way," continued Maj. Studdart, "this gambler of his wife and family, Mr. Bispham, seems to have taken up the calendar for 1898, shut his eyes, and marked certain dates on which to make his charges."

Of the diamond ring which he gave to Mrs. Bispham, to take charge of for him, he said a friend had advised him to get it back. "But I was not going to rush off and demand that ring," continued Maj. Studdart. "I will never demand that ring. Mrs. Bispham can keep that ring, if she chooses, as a mark of my confidence in her innocence. By heavens, she shall keep it, and my learned friend can put what construction he likes on it."

The case was not concluded when court rose for the day.

BRYAN'S DAUGHEER

CANNOT BE LOCATED BY HER FRIENDS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 16—Friends in this city of William H. Leavitt and his bride, who was Ruth Bryan, are wondering as to the whereabouts of the young couple. When last heard of they were leaving Clinton for this city, where they expected to spend several days with the family of Col. Thomas J. Atkins, the newly appointed sub-treasurer.

Mr. Leavitt and his bride were in a runaway at Hunnewell and the bridegroom sustained a sprained ankle. He said a few days later that he thought it would be best to go to his home in Newport to have his ankle treated by the family physician. Soon thereafter, however, came the news that Miss Minnie Cook of Newport was seriously considering whether she would institute a damage suit against him for breach of promise.

Just where the young couple are now is a mystery. They are said to have passed through St. Louis one night recently, rushing only one train to another. They have not since been heard of, though they should already have arrived at Newport, if that were indeed their destination.

MRS. DANIEL MANNING

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WORLD'S FAIR BOARD.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16 Mrs. Daniel Manning of Albany, N. Y., was today elected president of the world's fair board of lady managers vice Mrs. James L. Blair, resigned. She received 13 out of 15 votes.

Mrs. Manning had no opposition. She was nominated by Helen Gould, who made a short speech reviewing her qualifications. A resolution was adopted calling on the national commission to suspend the rule limiting the number of members of the board to 21 so as to elect an additional member, presumably a St. Louis lady.

TO FIX WAGE SCALE.

LONDON, Dec. 16 In consequence of the reduction of wages by the United States steel corporation, the Scotch steel makers are negotiating with the view of lowering selling prices and amending the wage schedule.

ALL EMPLOYES AFFECTED.

ELMIRA, New York, Dec. 16 Announcement was made at the local plants of the Empire Bridge company today that every employe from General Manager Lewis down would be affected by the general economy plan of the United States steel corporation, which will go into effect Jan. 1. There are about 150 employes.

The condition of Mr. Edward McKeon, a popular young man of ward five, who has been confined for some time to a local hospital with illness, is reported as improved.

SPECIAL NOTICES

GORDON & BERGERON, dealers in jewelry, watches and diamonds on instalments, have opened an office at 44 Central street.

DOLLS—You will want one soon; we have a nice display; come in and get one; also double stamps given, prices low. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack St.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.43, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.14 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.45 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.39, x6.45, w6.50, 7.01, *7.20, 7.31, *7.48, w7.50, *8.07, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.05, *11.35 a. m.; w12.05, 12.11, w12.45, 1.41, *1.56, w2.30, x3.03, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.28, w5.06, 5.22, x5.49, w*6.15, *6.12, w7.00, 7.29, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS 6.30, 7.24, w8.15, 8.48, 9.[illegible] a. m.; w12.05, w4.15, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w8.00 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.20, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.30, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, wq11.25 p. m. Sundays, w8.15 a. m.; w12.05, w5.30 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.30, a3.55, w5.06, 6.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 9.25, q11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 6.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 6.00 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 30, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.41, 4.28 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer Junction Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.[illegible], 11.[illegible] a. m.; 5.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.10 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.10, 5.30 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; *12.09, 1.00, *1.39, 3.40, *5.30, 6.27, *8.10, *8.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39 (to Franklin only) 5.30, *8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; 1.39 p. m. (5.30 p. m. to Plymouth); *8.10, 9.24 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.31, *8.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air line, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.

References:
aVia Wakefield Junction.
*Express. bDaily.
qWednesdays and Saturdays only.
wVia Western Division.
xVia Bedford. zVia Wilmington Junc.

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WANTED A first class collector; state experience, age and salary expected. Address box 20, Sun office.

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THREE GOOD HUSTLERS wanted; must be ambitious men; who will work for promotion; experience not necessary; salary and commission; come at once. Apply 12 Merrimack square, room 1

WANTED A girl 16 or 17 or middle-aged woman to assist in housework and care of children. Mrs. Snow, Tolman avenue, second house on left.

WANTED Protestant girl for general housework. Apply to 230 Stevens street, just off Westford street

FREE Six handsomely decorated tea cups and saucers, also beautifully dressed dolls and watches, etc., for selling only 15 10c packages of perfumery. Lowell Perfume Co., box 691, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED At once, an experienced girl for housework in small family. Apply at 167 Sixth street, corner of Vernon.

WANTED A cook for boarding house. Apply 307 Market street.

TABLE GIRL wanted 92 John street.

WANTED—Two boys and girls to sell 20 washing pads at 10c a package and receive a pair of club skates free of charge. Send name and address to Laundry Specialty Co., 35 Proctor street, South Framingham, Mass.

WANTED A housekeeper, very little work. Apply Mr. Wilson, 87 Court street, Ayer City.

WANTED Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 712 Suffolk street.

WANTED—Men everywhere; good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs etc.; no canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

WANTED

WANTED—To borrow $50 on personal property, good security, at reasonable rate; no brokers. Address D. 3, Sun office.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 469, Lowell, Mass.

DRESSMAKER would like a few engagements by day or week or would take work home. Call between 7.30 and 9 p. m. 161 Warren street.

WANTED Washing and ironing; first class work done by colored woman; taken home. Call at 101 Washington street.

WANTED Sewing or repairing of all kinds, will go out by the day. Call or address 11 Cedar street.

WANTED—You to know that we give a beautiful quartered oak rocker, cobble bottom or velour seat, with $3 order tea, coffee, extracts, baking powder. Herrick Tea Co., 80 Central street. Makes beautiful Christmas present.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND A pocketbook containing small sum of money. Owner can have by calling at 21 Church street.

LOST Wednesday noon between 10th street and 11 Merrimack street, a German silver chatelaine bag containing small sum of money. Reward at 8 West 10th street.

FOUND Gold locket. Owner can have by proving property and paying advertisement at this office.

LOST A grey fur glove between Central and Market streets. Return to T. Gray, 19 Tolman avenue, and receive reward.

LOST On Tuesday, a lady's gold watch between O'Donnell & Gilbride's store and Alder street. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Sun office.

FOUND Chatelaine bag containing money and keys. Owner may get by proving ownership and paying for adv. at 241 Moody street.

LOST A side bag containing money, keys and other articles. Return to Sun office and receive reward.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE Double house on Elm street, must go; terms easy. Call at once at 9 Elm street or lose it.

FOR SALE Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 8500 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter street. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 211 Central street.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Position by experienced stenographer, also knowledge of single entry. Address S., Sun office.

WANTED Situation in private family or with doctor, will work reasonable for the winter. S. E. W., Sun office.

WANTED—By a young man, position as clerk in an office, with chance of advancement. Address Perseverance, Sun office.

WANTED Situation by respectable young lady at housework in small family. Address A. R. A., Sun office.

WANTED Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

WANTED Situation at general housework in boarding house or for private family by capable and experienced young woman. Inquire Sun office.

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FOR SALE—Two-tenement house in Belvidere. Bath, hot water, six rooms to each tenement. Well rented. Price $3500.

FOR SALE Cottage house in Belvidere. All modern improvements, including furnace heat, good lot of land. Price $[illegible].

FOR SALE Fine [illegible] in the Highlands, [illegible] streets, all modern conveniences. Price and terms right.

TO RENT—Five-room tenement on [illegible] street, $[illegible]. Small tenement on [illegible] street, $8. Eight room house, $12. Tenement on [illegible] street, $[illegible].

[illegible] This is a bargain.

FOR SALE [illegible] price very low.

SUN WANTS ARE READ BY EVERYBODY

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—New range, open grate, chamber set, also other new furniture, cheap. 161 Warren street.

FRESH FISH of all kinds in season at low prices; oysters, clams, also salt fish of various kinds. 31 North street.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 438 Riverside street. Telephone 452-2.

FOR SALE—A lady wishes to sell some new silverware. Address C. J., Sun office.

PIGS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Furnished boarding house full of boarders. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutter, 684 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business; a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 60 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years, an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 153 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

$5 GIVEN AWAY—$5 worth of trading stamps given away with 1 lb. of our best Baking Powder at 50c; $5 worth with one pound of any kind of our 50c or 60c Tea; $2 worth with one pound of our famous 35c Coffee; this tea and coffee is worthy of attention; they are the best ever offered for the money. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., 331 Thorndike street, Davis square.

WHITE SEWING MACHINES, 378 Bridge St.—The Automatic drop machine is King; it is a real eyeopener; we sell the Queen also; we repair all kinds of sewing machines; give us a call.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 30 Pine street. We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Bernaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything in the latest.

WOOD GIVEN AWAY—2½ miles out. Apply to depot master, Wamesit station. Must be cut and taken away at once.

SICKNESS INSURANCE—The U. S. Casualty Co. insures your health; costs $1.50 a year; pays $7 a week for 5 weeks; covers 25 diseases. For particulars call at agency, 62 Floyd street.

W. B. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 51 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 2 to 10 p. m.

MRS. FLETCHER, 769 Gorham street, trance business medium and card reader.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack Woolen mills. Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Pudlen at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1054 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home, special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments, years of experience. Mabel Rundall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and second hand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 103 Middlesex street.

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SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 159 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

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MOTHERS—Bent's Destroyer kills lice on children and all insects; cures dandruff and itching scalp; prevents falling hair; harmless, 25c. Only at Falls & Burkinshaw's, 418 Middlesex street.

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GREAT opportunity offered, $100 for $[illegible]. For particulars write American Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

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MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office, (strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan [illegible], 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants, and salaried people, easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 35 Associate building.

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TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 261 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut street.

TO LET Furnished room with home conveniences, gas, heat and use of bath; private family. 522 Central street.

TO LET Furnished rooms from 75c upwards at 76 and 78 Tyler street.

TO LET Small tenements, 631 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET [illegible] ready for business. Apply at 85 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 4 rooms with or without barn. 15 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 912 Middlesex St.

TO LET—Stable. Inquire 56 Franklin street.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

TO LET [illegible] room tenements in good repair. 164 Lawrence street.

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SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

We are glad to note that the superintendent of police has expressed determination to continue the enforcement of the no-license law until the first of May.

One cannot help remarking every time there is a contest between Harvard and any other college, be it football, rowing or other athletic sports the majority of people in this section are against Harvard. They openly express the hope that Harvard will be defeated, and when she meets defeat, as she usually does, there is great jubilation all over New England. Why is this? There must be something wrong with Harvard when it has no sympathy at home or very little abroad.

It used to be a standing joke on the fashionable dudes that they did not pay their tailor bills, but if half we hear about swell dressed ladies who promenade our streets in the richest of gowns that have not been paid for is true then the joke has passed from the dude to the society belle. The pitiful tales which some dressmakers tell about bills that are owed them by ladies who are supposed to have money enough to pay for what they wear would make interesting reading. It is rumored, however, that a great number of them will find their way into the public prints through court proceedings. There are several ways of living beyond one's means, but the meanest of all is to wear clothing that is not paid for.

WHAT CANADA NEEDS.

The Canadians are raising a great rumpus over the little strip of territory which John Bull recently ceded to the United States after a hearing before a competent arbitration tribunal. It is very unfortunate for Canada that John Bull did not cede the entire dominion to Uncle Sam. It would be the best thing that could possibly happen to Canada, and some day either by diplomacy, revolution or the pressure of trade, Canada will become United States territory. The Canadians have one of the finest undeveloped wheat growing tracts in the world, and if this territory were within the limits of the United States it would be yielding wheat enough to feed half the civilized world before this time. There are undeveloped mineral deposits in Canada that have not been worked because of oppressive conditions existing between Canada and the imperial government. All this mineral and agricultural wealth is waiting for the enterprise and capital of the progressive American. It will come sooner or later, and Canada will be prosperous and will have no occasion to quarrel with the mother country over the cession of an insignificant strip of land.

THE DUMMER STREET EXTENSION.

It is to be hoped that the city council will lay aside all personal considerations and treat the proposed Dummer street extension purely on its merits. The first consideration should be that of public convenience. Unless it is shown there is a real necessity for this extension it should be defeated. Even though we had a large surplus in the city treasury there are many other public improvements we should consider long before we would be justified in taking up the question of putting through a street where there is no necessity for it. The distance from Worthen street to the proposed extension is so short that it must be quite obvious to any thinking member of the government that the Dummer street extension has no standing as a matter of public convenience and necessity. The city is unfortunately in straitened circumstances financially. We are very near the borrowing limit and we tax all real and personal property to the full statutory limit for current expenses. Besides this tax levy we are obliged year after year to make large loans, to keep the various departments of the city in operation. To add to the city's indebtedness for any such needless project as the extension of Dummer street would be little short of criminal on the part of the city council. As we said in the beginning we hope they will look at the question purely on its merits without any regard whatever for the advantages which would accrue to private interests. We need new streets in other parts of the city; we need more sewers, we need more schools, more public parks and we should spend more money in keeping our streets clean and in safe condition. Indeed, there are many other things which we need but cannot afford at present. Under such circumstances we fail to see how the Dummer street extension can receive the slightest consideration at the hands of honest public servants.

THE CHARACTER OF A NEWSPAPER.

A newspaper, like an individual, must have some character, otherwise it cannot have any influence on public opinion. A man may be wealthy and even powerful, but if he is dishonest, vicious, cruel or immoral he fails to win the respect of his fellow-citizens. They may fear him for a time, but they do not respect him; they may pretend to honor him, but they are secretly opposed to him, and they hail with joy the hour when he passes away or his evil power is at an end.

So it is with a newspaper. Unless it has character, unless it is honest and sincere, it will have very little influence on the public mind. It may have circulation but that is of little advantage for as an advertising medium it is of no value whatsoever. No intelligent merchant cares to advertise in a newspaper which no one respects. A newspaper whose principal claim to public attention is that it makes a practice of abusing individuals, exploiting sensations, digging up scandals, etc., seldom appeals to the merchant who wishes to reach the respectable and responsible purchasing class in any community.

A newspaper that is read by the seekers after filth, is read by a class that has very little money to spend.

A newspaper that a man is ashamed to be seen reading and which he takes into dark corners and back alleys to read from fear that he may be caught in the act by decent people, may be a good medium for advertising certain kinds of goods, such as are bought by the very lowest classes, but it has no attraction for the merchant who advertises legitimate goods for the purpose of attracting reputable purchasers. Papers of this kind may thrive for a while by various deceptive practices, but sooner or later they find their level, and both the reading public and the advertisers in time give them a wide berth.

It matters not how filthy or abusive a newspaper may be, there is a certain class in every community that will read it eagerly and cry for more of the same kind. It matters not how yellow or how sensational it may be, it will always find yellow and sensational readers. It may resort to personal abuse, blackmail and slander and it will find in every community readers who like that sort of thing, but the paper that uses such methods seldom retains the confidence of the leading advertisers, who are the main support of the modern newspaper. They soon find out that they are throwing their money away by advertising in a paper that is read mainly for its so-called "knocking," sensationalism and scandals.

People buy newspapers to get the news and honest opinions on current topics. To thrust anything else upon an intelligent reader is to insult him, and he soon resents it. The province of a journalist is to print the news and to discuss public questions according to his lights for the benefit of his readers. The newspaper blackguard or blackmailer never was and never will be a successful journalist. To prostitute a great engine of moral progress like the press to any such purpose is a public outrage. It has never been a business success and it never will be.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Italian Shot and Killed Man and Woman

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—A quarrel over six cents, the charge for a pool game, resulted in the murder of two persons in the Italian quarter yesterday. The dead are Mary Matza, aged 49 years, and Antonio Lesta, 23 years of age. The man who did the killing is Nicholas Miyo, aged sixty years. He is under arrest.

The pool room was owned by Mary Matza, who hired Miyo to manage it for her. Yesterday afternoon Antonio Lesta, with his two cousins, Louis and Antonio Lesta, played several games of pool in the place. A dispute arose between Antonio Lesta and Miyo over the payment of one game. Miyo asserted he was being cheated which charge so angered Lesta that he seized the old man's cap and tore it in half. Miyo drew his revolver and shot Lesta through the head. He died almost instantly. The noise of the shooting brought the proprietress to the room. She upbraided Miyo for what he had done and his only reply was two shots from his revolver. One bullet entered her breast and the other her arm. She died on the way to a hospital.

FORGED RECORD

Of Marriage Claimed by Mrs. Murphy

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Evidence tending to show that a forgery was committed in the entry in the records of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic church, New York city, of the marriage of Baron August Von Glahn and Mrs. Martha McCabe, was produced in the county court here yesterday by David N. Carvalho, the New York handwriting expert. The evidence was brought out in the hearing of a case begun by Mrs. Anna Murphy, of New York city, to have the inheritance tax reduced on a legacy left her by Bernhard Von Glahn. Mrs. Murphy declared that she is the legal daughter of Baron Von Glahn and Mrs. McCabe, and that her father, while still married, came to Chicago and married again. Baron Von Glahn died over a quarter of a century ago, leaving a fortune of $300,000 in real estate.

By the evidence of Mr. Carvelho the defense attempted to show that the entry on the records was in the handwriting of Mrs. Murphy and that it was a forgery and that the charge that Baron Von Gahn had led a dual life was false. A number of letters which had been written by Mrs. Murphy were produced and Carvelho declared in his opinion that the writer of the record and the letters were the same person.

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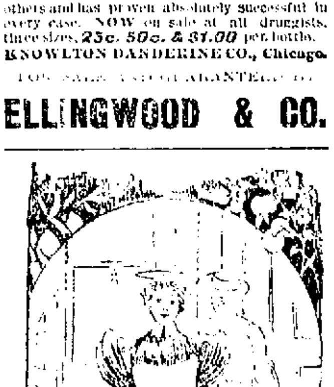

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CAUGHT IN ACT

Brown Student Robbed Other Students

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—Ralph E. Bancroft of Stoneham, Mass., a freshman in Brown university, was detected yesterday afternoon in the act of stealing money from a pair of trousers hanging in the locker room of the gymnasium at the university. After some questioning Bancroft admitted that he had stolen various sums aggregating about $75. He was arrested by members of the local detective department.

Bancroft in college was a quiet man and apparently had no bad habits. He was an active worker in the Hope Street Methodist church and acted as leader of the Epworth League meeting three weeks ago Sunday.

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McKAY WILL

MRS. HARRIETT FOSTER OPPOSES ALLOWANCE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Through her counsel, G. W. Anderson, Mrs. Harriett Foster of Concord, N. H., a cousin of Gordon McKay, yesterday filed in the Suffolk probate court an appearance in opposition to the allowance of the will and six codicils of the millionaire inventor. The will and codicils are scheduled for proof before the probate court for Suffolk county.

When the will and codicils were filed some weeks ago, a citation was issued to interested parties to have them show cause yesterday if they had any, why the will and codicils should not be allowed. Several days ago Nellie S. Abbott of Concord, N. H., filed an appearance through her counsel, objecting to the allowance of the instrument. From the petition for the probate of the will and its codicils, the testator's two sons appear to be his only heirs at law and next of kin.

Mr. McKay, whose death took place at Newport a few months ago, left $1,000,000 outright to Harvard and a residue of his estate for the promotion of applied sciences. Annuities aggregating $48,600 were also left, to be divided among Mrs. Marion Von Bruning, Victor and Robert McKay and 15 other persons.

Have a look at the Oriental Bazaar.

HARVARD COACHES

AN ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPING FOOTBALL MATERIAL.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—For the purpose of establishing a definite policy and system of development of football material from year to year, there was held at the Union club last night a meeting of 38 former Harvard football coaches, and after some discussion an organization was formed to be known as the Harvard football graduates association. Among those who made brief speeches were W. Cameron Forbes, Percy Haughton, R. D. Wrenn, C. D. Daly, Roland Boyden, A. F. Holden and Prof. White.

The football situation was discussed at length and it was decided that besides carrying out a definite policy the new association would attempt to settle any difficulties which might arise with other colleges and investigate the eligibility of players. It was stated that the association would act as a judicial rather than as an executive body. It was also stated after the meeting that the coach system will be continued as heretofore, and that there will be no revolution in any of the methods of the development of football material.

Although a constitution was adopted only an executive committee of six members was elected. The members are as follows:

E. N. Washington '97, R. D. Wrenn '95, W. Cameron Forbes '92, J. W. Hallowell '00, M. T. Reed '01 and Malcolm Donald '02.

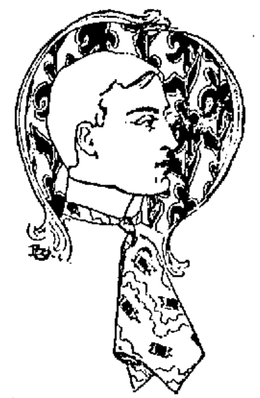
ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Owing to the cancellation of the company which was to play at the Academy of Music during the latter part of this week, this popular show house will be dark during Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but will reopen on Monday of next week with the Indian Maidens, one of the leading burlesque shows on the road.

The show which Manager Murphy had booked for the last three nights was not considered up to the standard and rather than serve a poor show he decided to close the house.

COMEDY AT THE CASTO.

For a pleasing and amusing two hours' enjoyment nothing can surpass the program at the Casto Theatre, this week, for the comedy which is presented is of the best and brightest, and the singing and dancing excellent. Jane Courthope and Charles Forrester, in the comedy "A Fisherman's Luck," head the bill, and this act alone is worth the price of admission. Green trading stamps are given free with every orchestra ticket.



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Women's Umbrellas

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Carolas 75c.

Taffeta Silk **$1.00.**

And up to **$6.00.**

HEAVY FIGHTING

GOING ON AT SANTIAGO FOR TWO DAYS.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Dec. 17.—According to a special despatch received here, heavy fighting has been going on at Santiago for the last two days, in which the revolutionists were repulsed.

The government has advised all families to leave the city. President Morales is constantly expected at Santiago. Telegraphic communication with San Domingo is interrupted and this place is therefore without news from the capital. Gen. Jimenez is still at Monte Cristo.

PLEASANT GATHERING.

The members of last season's Mohair Reserve cricket team of this city held a very enjoyable gathering last evening at residence of Hugh Rudden and amongst other business discussed was the question of holding a leap year party and it was decided to hold this social function in Highland hall on January 2 for members and their families and invited guests. It is likely the medals won emblematic of the championship of the Central Massachusetts league, will be presented on this occasion. The members of the club have received invitation to join in a body several clubs but have as yet taken no final action in the matter.

U. S. WARSHIP

MAY TAKE COLOMBIAN ENVOY HOME.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—It was said at the navy department yesterday that the question of placing a warship at the disposal of Gen. Rafael Reyes, the Colombian special envoy to convey him home when he shall have completed his mission, had not yet been taken up by the state department or navy department. The navy department is prepared to respond promptly, in case the state department decides to offer General Reyes this courtesy.

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eport on the Tulloch Charges Made Public

SHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The report
esses. Conrad and Bonaparte on
harges made by S. W. Tulloch,
rly cashier of the Washington
st office, against the administra-
f that office was made public yes-
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er instructions from the presi-
the report views the Tulloch
s "from a legal standpoint."

report begins with a brief his-
and nature of Tulloch charges
ays:

'Tulloch charges' have never
properly speaking, investigated
We have been repeatedly con-
d in our inquiry with an asser-
n the one side and a denial on
her as to the question of fact,
no sufficient means at our com-
to determine which statement
uld advise you to believe.

tendency to evade answering
charges evinced by these reply-
the postmaster general's request
ich answers," the report says, "is
ated very forcibly by the charges
st Perry S. Heath, formerly as-
t postmaster general, which have
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es to them.

consider this answer," it con-
s, "altogether insufficient and
ss unsatisfactory in substance
n form."

tinuing, the report says the re-
of Postmaster Willet's accounts
elf is sufficient to allow that Mr.
h's official record is not to clear
defy suspicion. It adds:

oreover, the confidential report of
ctor-in-Charge Smith, and the
l report of Inspector Little tends
ongly to sustain some of the most
s charges made by Mr. Tulloch
st Mr. Health that it is quite impossible to dispose of these charges by calling them 'lies out of the 'whole cloth,' especially when we remember that the confidential report is stated by Inspector Smith to set forth irregularities discovered by himself and that the special report was prepared a whole year after Mr. Tulloch had left the office.

The reasonable inference to be drawn from Mr. Heath's complete failure to meet full and explicitly accusations which charged him with many acts of doubtful propriety added to the facts appearing from the record evidence laid before us, oblige us to say that at least a strong prima facie case is presented of wilful and reckless disregard by the late first assistant postmaster general of obligations imposed upon him by the regulations of his own department, as well as by the statutes of the United States and we feel it our duty to add that suspicion of his personal integrity must be inevitably aroused in our judgment by an impartial consideration of the faults submitted to us and of his plainly inadequate explanations."

The report takes up in detail the charges of improper appointments of subordinates and improper disbursements of public funds, contained in the Tulloch charges, and after analysis concludes:

"So far as is indicated by the papers submitted to us, the persons directly responsible for these fraudulent employments were Messrs. Perry S. Heath and George W. Beavers, neither of whom is now in the public service. It seems clear, however, that this responsibility extends, in some measure, to the late postmaster general, who appears to have at least tolerated the practice after notice of its existence and to the late and present postmasters at Washington, each of whom appears to have accepted the transfer to his office of a number of persons thus employed without, so far as is shown, any protest or exposure, facts substantially admitted as to himself in Dr. Merritt's letter of June 29."

The improper disbursement of public funds receives considerable space in the report and in this connection, Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte go somewhat outside of the Tulloch charges.

In summing up the report says:

"The discussion of the 'Tulloch charges' has revealed the existence of deplorable and gravely discreditable abuses during the years 1898 and 1899 and 1900 in the Washington post office and the office of the first assistant postmaster general. The evidence laid before us suggests the possibility and even probability, but does not prove that abuses may have continued both in the department and in the post office subsequent to the early summer of 1900 when we lost sight of them and that in connection therewith criminal acts may have been committed within the period of limitations.

The persons primarily responsible for the above mentioned abuses and the resulting scandals appear to have been Perry S. Heath, then first assistant postmaster general, and George W. Beavers, then chief of the salaries and allowance division, neither of whom is now in the service of the United States.

Any book not in stock cheerfully ordered at Lawler's.

WOMEN VOTED

ALL POLITICAL CALCULATIONS WERE UPSET.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Dec. 17.—The first of the commonwealth general elections at which women exercised the right of suffrage was held yesterday, with the result that all political calculations were upset. The struggle was chiefly over the fiscal question. The government favored protection and the opposition supported free trade and the labor party agreed to sink the question of fiscal differences with a view to securing the balance of power, which they virtually held in the last parliament. The women voters cast a heavy ballot in support of the labor ticket, the result being that the labor party won many seats.

Diaries for 1904. Lawler's.

BOXING GOSSIP

Tomorrow night's smoke talk at the Riverview Athletic club is the principal topic of discussion among the sports these days. Martin Flaherty, the manager of the club, has made special efforts to make this meeting of the club a grand success and judging from the nature of the program his hopes are to be realized. The principal event will be Charlie Armstrong and the Black Fitzsimmons, the usual number of rounds, and Kid Flannery against another 105-pound man. Then there will be other bouts and singing, etc.

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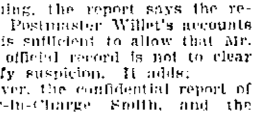
SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

At the regular meeting of the Centralville I. O. O. F. last evening, the second degree was conferred upon three candidates.

On Jan. 20 the officers of the Grand lodge will visit Centralville lodge, and upon the same evening, Lawrence lodge of Lawrence will be guests of Centralville lodge and an exemplification of the third degree will be given by a staff of past grands.

TROLLEY PARTY.

The Colonial Athletic club of Woburn held a trolley party to this city last night and enjoyed a dancing party in Associate hall. A large number of Lowell friends of the club were present and music for the dancing was furnished by Flanagan's orchestra. The affair was under the direction of the following officers of the club: D. J. McColgan, president; L. E. Ward, secretary; J. F. Harrington, treasurer.



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HAHNEMANN CLUB

Discussed Defects in School Children

WITH LOCAL EDUCATORS AS GUESTS

The Club Met With Dr. Martin

The Lowell Hahnemann club met last evening at the residence of Dr. G. Forrest Martin, 45 Harvard street, and had as its guests several of the grammar school masters, High school teachers and other friends.

Dr. G. L. Van Deursen, president of the club, called to order and for the benefit of the guests stated that the Hahnemann club was organized 22 years ago in the office of Dr. H. M. Hunter and that of the original members, only Drs. Parker, Leland and Holt remain. It has extended its membership to include physicians throughout the Merrimack valley and hence its meetings are held less frequently than when only Lowell doctors were members.

This meeting, he said, was under the charge of the bureau of special senses and he requested Dr. Martin, chairman of the committee, to preside.

Dr. Martin said it is believed by physicians that the failure of many children in school work is due not to dullness as is commonly believed, but to defective sight or hearing.

Because of this belief he said, the committee had invited two eminent specialists to address the meeting upon the subjects of "The Ear" and "The Eye."

Dr. Howard P. Bellows of Boston was the first speaker and his address dealt with "The Ear." He pointed out the consideration due pupils whose hearing is defective. They are liable he said to all sorts of misconceptions. They are considered dull, stubborn and even malicious and they become discouraged if they fail to pass examinations.

Two methods of testing the hearing of school children were suggested, with a watch and with the voice. It was suggested, too, that the very front seats in the class should always be reserved for the pupils with defective hearing, and if one ear is defective, the pupil should be placed in the most advantageous position for hearing the instruction. It should be remembered that the pupils, whether under treatment or not, do not remain in the same condition. Their hearing is worse when they take cold, and the seating arrangements should be changed, according to their needs. Three or four testings in the course of the year would be necessary, in order to get the best results.

Dr. Bellows also urged the proper consideration of the child's defective hearing, by the parents, and gave suggestions as to care and treatment.

Dr. David W. Wells of Boston, an eminent eye specialist, was the next speaker. In opening he spoke of the evolution of the eye. In regard to the eyes of school children he said that work in this line was begun in Germany 50 years ago, and from statistics compiled in that time it has been learned that from 15 to 30 per cent. of all school children have defects that seriously interfere with their proper instruction. Nearsightedness increases as school years advance and is preventable in many cases with proper attention.

Teachers often fail to understand a child's condition and put him down as "stupid," but in reform school it is found that a large percentage of the inmates have defective sight or hearing.

The ideal method of obviating these difficulties, he said, would be to engage an oculist, but as public opinion is not quite ripe for that the examination can be made by charts and reports.

An examination of school children at Hyde Park showed 30 per cent. with defective vision. He thought the time was not ripe for a state law compelling this work to be done. A good deal of volunteer work must be done first. The movement, at any rate, should come from the educators, and not from the physicians. There are certain essentials necessary to success, but where these essentials are secured, the plan as outlined is perfectly practicable. It is necessary to have an enthusiastic superintedent, and this, the speaker said, Lowell certainly possesses. The next essential is the conversion of the school board, to the belief that this is the proper thing to do. The cooperation of parents is also necessary.

Dr. Wells closed by reading, as a suggestion for the overcoming of all these possible obstacles, the poem by Charlotte Perkins Stetson, entitled "The Obstacle."

Supt. Whitcomb spoke briefly and refreshments and a social hour followed the speaking.

Desk blotters with silver corners. Lawler's.

FRANKLIN CLUB

WINS THE DEBATE WITH MEN'S LEAGUE.

A public debate between the Benjamin Franklin Debating society and the Men's league of the First Congregational church of Dracut, was held at the church last night. This was the first open debate of the season of the local club, while it was the first ever held by the Dracut organization. There was a large and appreciative audience to enjoy the debate and the decision which was in favor of the Franklin Debating society was received with general satisfaction.

The winning team was composed of Messrs. Addison E. Avery, Winfred C. McIlrayne and Harold Caverly. The speakers for the Men's League were Messrs. George H. Stevens, Harry Mozley and Peter Holton.

The debate was upon the single tax question and the subject was worded, "Resolved: That all taxes should be abolished save one single tax levied on the value of land irrespective of the improvements in or on it." The Lowell boys upheld the negative.

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Thousands of Dozens in Silk, Linen and Swiss at Attractively Low Prices.

Ladies' Plain, all Linen, Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	5c to 50c Each
Ladies' fancy hemstitched, embroidered, scalloped or lace edges	10c to $5.00 Each
Silk Malta Lace Handkerchiefs	$1.00 to $5.00 Each
French Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs	50c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Boxes of 6 Handkerchiefs in a box	75c to $8.00 per Box
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs	12½ to 50c Each
Men's plain, all linen, hemstitched Handkerchiefs	5c to 75c Each
Men's Jap Silk Handkerchiefs	25c to $2.00 Each

An Extra Stamp Offer from Handkerchief Dept. Friday and Saturday.

All persons buying Handkerchiefs amounting to $1.00 or more will receive an extra $1.00 worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Christmas Umbrellas

An Immense Variety of Fancy Handles.

Men or Women's Umbrellas, mercerized covering, natural wood handles, sterling trimmed	At $1.00 Each
Men or Women's Gloria Umbrellas, fancy handles	At $1.50 Each
Men or Women's Taffeta Covered Umbrellas, plain or fancy handles	At $2.50 Each
Men or Women's Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, hem or tape edge, gold, silver or pearl handles	At $3.50 Each
Men or Women's Lavantine Silk Umbrellas, gold, silver, burnt ivory, horn or pearl handles	At $5.00 Each

Here is a Liberal Stamp Offer from Umbrella Department Friday and Saturday.

Every purchaser of an Umbrella Friday or Saturday will receive an extra dollar's worth of stamps in addition to double stamps allowed all purchasers.

Bric-a Brac and Fancy China

Artistic Vases and Ornaments	10c to $11.00 Each
Jardinieres	10c to $7.00 Each
Fancy Pedestals	$2.50 to $30.00 Each
Oriental Figures and Busts	50c to $5.00 Each
A varied collection of Masks for Mens' Dens	$1.00 to $2.50 Each
Fancy Lamps, gas or oil	$2.50 to $15.00 Each
Chocolate, Ice Cream or Berry Sets	$1.00 to $8.00 Per Set
Fancy Plates, Cups or Saucers	10c to $2.25 Each
Fancy Salads and Comports	25c to $3.00 Each
Water and Wine Sets	75c to $3.00 Each

Leather Articles

A Splendid Variety at Reasonable Prices.

Fitted Wrist Bags	49c to $5.00 Each
Velvet Chatelaine Bags	$1.50 to $5.50 Each
Leather Hand Bags	49c to $5.00 Each
Leather Chatelaine Bags	21c to $5.50 Each
Pocket Books	5c to $5.00 Each
Card Cases	50c to $2.00 Each
Cigar Cases	98c to $3.00 Each
Men's Bill Books	50c to $3.50 Each

In addition to our showing of Leather Goods we have an excellent collection of green cloth or Felt Bags used so extensively by students or professional men. At prices ranging from 25c to $1.50 Each

Men's Furnishing Dept.

The Best Equipped Department in Lowell can be found in this Store.

Bath Robes	$2.75 to $10.50 Each
Neckwear	12½c to $1.00 Each
Fancy Suspenders	25c to $1.50 a Pair
Fancy Arm Elastics	12½c to $1.00 a Pair
Full Dress Shields	75c to $2.50 Each
Lined or Unlined Gloves	$1.00 to $5.00 a Pair
Mufflers	50c to $2.00 Each
Pajamas	98c to $2.00 a Pair
Fancy Night Shirts	50c to $1.50 Each
Men or Boys' Sweaters	$1.00 to $2.50 Each

An Extraordinary Stamp Offer for Friday or Saturday.

Every purchaser of a Gents' Bath Robe will receive an extra $2.00 worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Jewelry Department.

Beautiful New Designs at Exceptionally Low Prices.

Gold Filled Lockets	98c to $3.00 Each
Gold Filled Neck Chains	98c to $5.00 Each
Monogram Hat Pins	49c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Collar Pins	25c to $2.00 Each
Fancy Brooch Pins	25c to $5.00 Each
Bavina Diamonds	50c to $10.00 Each
Men's Scarf Pins	49c to $5.00 Each
Ladies' Belt Buckles	25c to $3.00 Each
Ladies' Belt Pins	25c to $2.00 Each
Children's Rings	25c to $3.00 Each

Fancy Waistings

We have several hundred patterns 3½ yards in a pattern of white mercerized waistings in very pretty designs, put up in fancy boxes, suitable for Christmas gifts At $1.00 Per Pattern

Another lot of pretty white goods, 40 dierent designs, put up in fancy boxes, suitable for Christmas gifts At 75c Each

Every purchaser of a waist pattern Friday or Saturday will receive an extra one dollar's worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Toilet Department

Every reputable brand may be found here at prices that are right.

Fancy Bottles of Perfume	25c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Mirrors	25c to $2.50 Each
Complete Toilet Sets at	89c to $2.75 Each
Fancy Baby Sets in celluloid	$2.00 Each
Celluloid Puff or Soap Boxes	25c and 50c Each
Ladies' Silk Garters	25c to $1.25 a Pair
Celluloid Glove or Handkerchief Boxes	25c to 50c Each
Silk or Fancy Braid Girdle Belts	75c to $1.69 Each
Fancy Pin Cushions	25c to $2.00 Each
Silk or Gauze Spangled Fans	50c to $2.00 Each
Shell Combs, Barrettes or Hair Pins	10c to $1.50 Each

Toys, Dolls and Games

No Better Collection Anywhere. Prices Exceptionally Low.

Toy Type Writers	$1.00 to $2.50 Each
Toy Pianos	25c to $3.00 Each
Iron Toys of every kind	5c to $3.00 Each
Boys' Drums	15c to $2.00 Each
Dolls, dressed or undressed	10c to $10.00 Each
Mechanical Toys	10c to $2.00 Each
All the new games	5c to $2.00 Each
Boys' or Girls' Sleds	50c to $2.00 Each
Rocking Horses	50c to $10.00 Each
Express Carts or Wheelbarrows	25c to $2.00 Each

FANCY BASKETS.

In connection with our toy dept. we are showing a splendidly selected stock of Work or Waste Baskets from 25c to $5.00 Each

Ladies' Kid Gloves

You will find here all the reputable brands and fashionable colors including the Mannish Cape Glove in tans, London reds and oak shades.

We have several expert fitters at your service if you desire fitting.

With every pair of Kid Gloves sold from now until Christmas we will give a very pretty glove box.

Prices are $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00

Here is an extra stamp offer from Glove Dept. With every pair of Kid Gloves sold Friday and Saturday we will give an extra dollar's worth of stamps in addition to double stamps.

Furniture Department

A Large and Varied Stock to Choose From. All New Pieces.

Turkish Leather Rockers	$30.00 to $50.00 Each
Oak or Mahogany Desk Chairs	$3.00 to $15.00 Each
Piano Chairs, all colors	$3.50 to $6.00 Each
Parlor Cabinets in mahogany	$18.00 to $50.00 Each
Oak or Mahogany Pedestals	$4.00 to $30.00 Each
Parlor Tables in a variety of woods	$2.00 to $40.00 Each
Folding Hall Card Tables, felt top	$2.75 Each
Children's Rockers	75c to $6.00 Each
Children's High Chairs	98c to $7.00 Each
Clothes Poles, wood or brass	75c to $12.00 Each
Parlor Chairs, excellent styles	$4.00 to $50.00 Each
Chiffonieres in oak, mahogany or maple	$4.00 to $50.00 Each
Ladies' Toilet Tables	$9.60 to $40.00 Each
Couches and Morris Chairs	$4.98 to $50.00 Each
Music Racks and Cabinets	$1.98 to $25.00 Each

Book Department

Adjoining Cloak Department, 2d Floor.

Children's Toy Books	5c to 50c Each
Boys' and Girls' Books, a splendid collection	25c and 49c Each
Webster's 20th Century Dictionary	$1.50 Each
The Poems of popular poets in padded bindings	69c Each
An excellent collection of popular Books in roycroft, burnt leather and ooze bindings	75c to $1.10 Each
A varied collection of sets 5 or 6 books each, including such authors as Kipling, Southworth, Corelli, Holmes, Caine and Hugo	At $1.49 Per Set
Waverly, Thackeray or Dickens, complete sets	At $5.98 Each
More than 200 titles in popular fiction	49c Each
In addition to above we have all the new books of fiction, including Gordon Keith, Little Shepard, Heart of Rome, Rebecca and others	At $1.10 Each

Ladies' Bath Robes and Dressing Sacques.

In Eiderdown or Flannelette.

Eiderdown Bath Robes	$3.49 to $7.50 Each
Eiderdown Dressing Sacques	75c to $2.98 Each
Flannelette Dressing Sacques	75c to $2.25 Each
Flannelette Long Kimonas	98c to $1.49 Each

Christmas Aprons

Over 200 Dozens to Choose From.

Nurses' Aprons, Table Aprons and Dress Aprons in a well selected assortment of pretty fabrics, hemstitched or embroidered 25c to $1.50 Each

O'DONNELL & GILBRIDE COMPANY

MAY BE MURDER

Rutland Man Brutally Assaulted His Wife

RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 17.—After a lively chase in which a half dozen police officers participated, Gideon Reed, last night committed a murderous assault upon his wife, was taken into custody yesterday. A charge of assault with intent to kill was made against him and he was locked up pending the outcome of Mrs. Reed's injuries.

It was said last night that her condition was critical. It is believed by some that Reed is insane, for the attack of last night appears as the work of a mad man. He would give no explanation of his deed farther than say that he and his wife had quarrelled. Reed pounded his wife to unconsciousness with a club, then slashed her arm with a knife.

Ping Pong for 75 cents. Lawler's.

SOCIAL AND FAIR

AT RESIDENCE OF REV. D. B. MARTIN.

A home social and fair was held last night at the residence of Rev. D. B. Martin, 109 Methuen street. It was under the auspices of the members of the Christian Endeavor society and was like other affairs conducted by this organization a grand success.

The drawing room and music room had been cleared of most of the furniture and sales tables were placed in position. These tables were in charge of the following committees:

The fancy table was under the direction of Mrs. Emil Batchelder, as chairman, and Mrs. W. A. Chase, Miss Irene Martin and Miss Zatella Martin as assistants.

Mrs. S. L. Brown was chairman of the apron table, her assistant being Mrs. D. P. Knowlton.

Mrs. S. W. Wiggin and Mrs. D. P. Saunders were sponsers for the mystery table.

The candy table was popular under the direction of Miss Isabel Wilson and Miss Grace Hatch.

The young ladies who did duty at the pound table were: Miss Grace Carter, Miss Stella Marshall and Miss Winnifred Trueworthy.

Crepe and tissue paper. Lawler's.

SENTENCES CONFIRMED.

The Lowell cases disposed of by Judge Hardy in the superior criminal court at East Cambridge yesterday and not mentioned in yesterday's late editions, were as follows:

Miriah Richardson, who on Sept. 28 was sentenced by Judge Hadley to six months in the house of correction on the charge of drunkenness, had her sentence confirmed.

Roland Lemay, breaking and entering, was placed on probation and restitution was made to Mr. McKay, whose store he entered.

Michael Murtagh was before the court on the charge of drunkenness. At the previous session of the superior court in Lowell last October Murtagh was placed on probation. About a month later he was surrendered by the probation officer. He said yesterday that he was going to take the Keeley cure and asked for another trial. He was again placed in probation.

Books bound in burnt leather, a novelty. Lawler's.

GOVERNOR BATES

May Preside at National Convention

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Governor John L. Bates of Massachusetts and ex-Governor W. Murray Crane of the same state arrived here last night and today were the guests of President Roosevelt at luncheon, and later at a dinner, at which the members of the cabinet, Governor Odell of New York, Senator Lodge and several other friends of the president will be present.

The coming of the two Massachusetts men is regarded here as of important political significance, and the affair was arranged through the efforts of Senator Lodge. The visit of Gov. Bates is for the purpose of giving the president an opportunity to get better acquainted, and it is thought that he will be a useful addition to his forces for a renomination among certain element throughout the country.

It is likely that the question of a presiding officer for the convention may come up, in which case Gov. Bates' name will be considered. The governor presided for three years over the Massachusetts house of representatives and is one of the most eloquent of republican orators.

The presence of ex-Gov. Crane was not at all surprising, because since the settlement of the coal strike, when his advice was sought by the president, he has been a frequent visitor at the White House, and his visit at this time relates to the management of the campaign.

The president realizes the powerful influence ex-Gov. Crane has in the business and financial centres of the country and would like to have such a man near at hand in case of an emergency.

The president already scents trouble from New York financial and business sources, and with such a man as ex-Gov. Crane close to his administration some of the opposition, it is thought, might be allayed.

Strong pressure will be brought to bear upon the former Bay State executive to take part in the campaign in a managerial capacity, and it is likely he will give his consent to the proposition.

Gov. Bates will remain in Washington until Saturday and will be paid much attention by the politicians while he is here.

The visit is also regarded as of import bearing upon politics in Massachusetts by impressing the governor with the importance and power of Senator Lodge here.

Last evening many representatives called upon the visitors at the Arlington.

A GENERAL SUSPENSION.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—It is expected that a general suspension of mining throughout the entire anthracite coal region will be inaugurated with Christmas until Jan. 4. This step has already been announced by the Reading company and it is believed that all the other large companies will take similar action. One of the reasons for the shutdown is that the production is in excess of present market requirements.

Crepe paper for Christmas. Lawler's.

COOK, TAYLOR & CO.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Friday and Saturday

DOUBLE STAMPS
BOTH DAYS

..Special Offers..

Apron Department
FRIDAY

Four times the usual number of Stamps at this department. A dollar's worth with a 25 cent apron, Two dollars' worth with a 50 cent one, and so on.

Umbrella Department
SATURDAY

Five dollars' worth with every dollar paid for an umbrella.

Coat Department
BOTH DAYS

Five dollars' worth with each dollar paid for a coat.

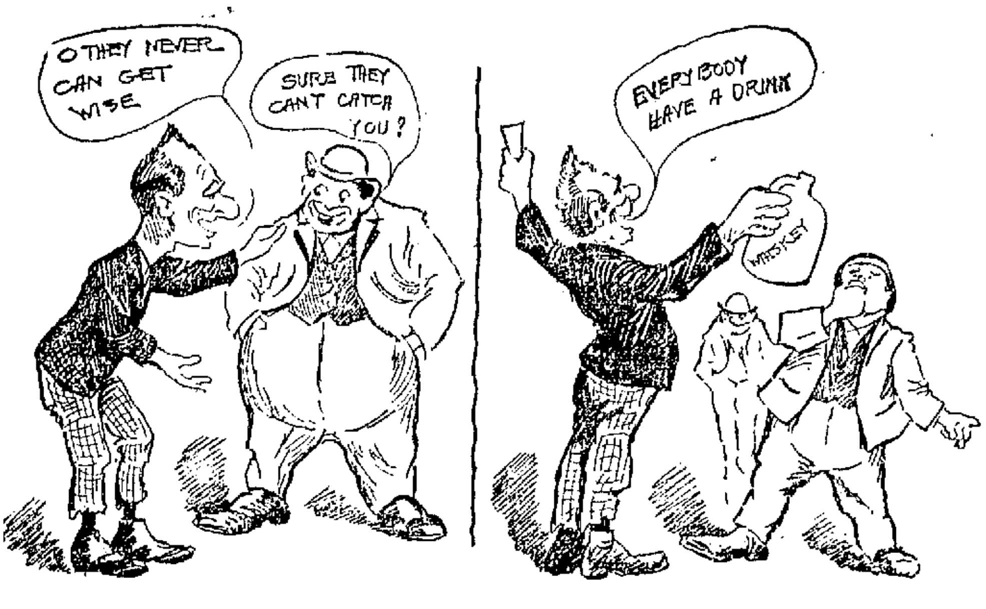
Basement Department
BOTH DAYS

Comforters and Blankets, five dollars' worth with each dollar paid for a Blanket or Comforter.

A careful comparison of our qualities and prices will convince purchasers that our store is the place to trade. Our liberal Stamp Offers make it easy to fill a book.

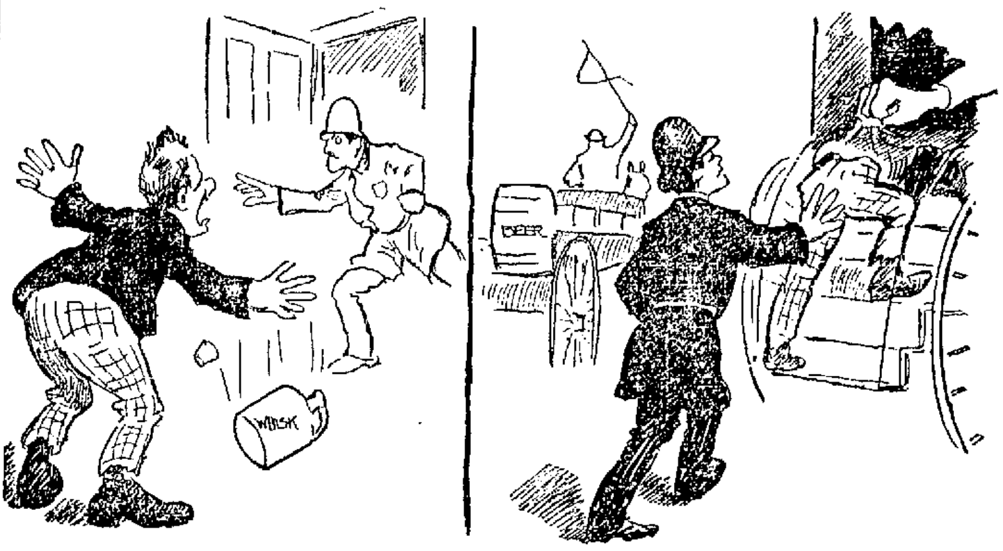
COOK, TAYLOR & CO.

WOULDN'T IT MAKE YOU MAD—


O THEY NEVER CAN GET WISE
SURE THEY CAN'T CATCH YOU?
EVERYBODY HAVE A DRINK
WHISKEY

After you had stocked up a kitchen joint with booze——

And had invited everybody to come 'round——



If one of your first customers was a cop——

Who seized your stuff and ran you in?

WOULDN'T THAT GIVE YOU A PAIN?

FRIARS' LANDS

United States Buys Them for $7,250,000

MANILA, Dec. 17.—An agreement has been reached by Gov. Taft and the friars providing for the settlement of the friar land question. The pope has given his approval of the terms of the settlement and the approval of the war department is awaited. The settlement provides for the purchase of 405,000 acres, comprising all the agricultural lands and holdings of the friars with the exception of 12,000 acres, including a farm near Manila, which has been sold to a railroad company, and also one sugar plantation. The price agreed upon is $7,250,000. The friars originally asked $8,000,000. Gov. Taft offered them $6,000,000.

ANDREW CARNEGIE

SAYS GREAT BRITAIN WILL LOSE SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Armstrong association met yesterday at the home of President William Jay Schieffelin. About 100 members attended. This association named after Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong, friend of the negro and founder of Hampton institute, carries on the work in behalf of the colored man which Gen. Armstrong began. Andrew Carnegie was one of the speakers and surprised his hearers by asserting that he believed Great Britain would surely some day lose South Africa. He said:

"It is about as certain as we are living that Great Britain will lose South Africa, because the Dutch population there is increasing, while the British are not. The Kaffirs wont work. What would Great Britain give for nine million negroes as placable and as lovable as those in this country? These men give us about 11 million bales of cotton every year, and this, I contend, helps make the United States the most powerful nation in the world. Suppose a fleet of British warships should attack us. The president is commander-in-chief of the army and navy need only raise his hand and say stop exporting cotton and the war would be won. What a happy country this is to have the negro.

"My knowledge of the question leads me to the opinion that no political measure can ever save or benefit the negro. The Hampton institute shows the only useful solution."

STRONG PROTEST

AGAINST BILL FOR ANNULMENT OF CONTRACTS.

HAVANA, Dec. 17. In the house of representatives yesterday Senor Betancourt of Matanzas strongly protested against the bill for the annulment of the contracts made by Gen. Wood in 1902 with the church authorities for the rental of several buildings occupied by the government. He warned the house that the passage of the bill would be a violation of the Platt amendment and would result in humiliation, as the United States would certainly call Cuba to account, not with fleets and armies, but with diplomatic representations. He reiterated that Cuba was bound to carry out the contracts and obligations incurred by Gen. Wood while military governor.

A large majority of the members of the house appears to be in favor of suspension of the payment of the rentals while the question of the liability of Cuba for the Wood contracts is being investigated and determined.

A MEMORIAL WINDOW.

A special meeting of the ladies of L'Association de Notre Dame de Bonsecours was held last night at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Boisvert. The purpose of the meeting was to raise funds towards presenting a memorial window to St. Jean Baptiste church.

GUTTED BY FIRE

Union Station at Worcester Damaged

WORCESTER, Dec. 17.—Fire in the Union station yesterday did damage estimated at $30,000, and threatened the entire structure. The blaze originated in the basement beneath the kitchen of the G. W. Armstrong dining room and shot up through a dumb elevator shaft, reaching the roof, where the flames burst through the ventilation windows close to the roof of the train shed, 115 feet above the ground.

The station walls are all of stone. The interior was of wood and it was with difficulty that any of the wood of the portion was saved from destruction. As it was the whole building, with the exception of the part in which the Boston & Maine offices and the baggage room are situated, was destroyed.

The loss to the Boston & Albany is estimated at $25,000, and that to the Armstrong company $5000. Both are insured.

Lowell souvenir postal cards at Lawler's.

FRENCH CRUISER

ARRIVED AT NEW ORLEANS YESTERDAY.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—The French cruiser Jurien De La Gravierre, which is to represent the French government in the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the transfer of Louisiana to the United States, arrived yesterday. The United States cruiser Minneapolis, the Yankee and the Tecoka entered the river at the Passes yesterday. They were preceded by the United States training ship Hartford.

PROHIBITION PARTY

TO HOLD NATIONAL CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—The national convention of the prohibition party will be held in Kansas City on Wednesday, June 29. Eight cities—Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Baltimore, Buffalo, Milwaukee and Columbus, O., put in bids for the convention when the national committee of the party met here yesterday after listening for several hours to the arguments of the rival delegates. Kansas City secured almost twice as many votes as the nearest competitor.

No action was taken in the matter of representation other than that the committee will advise a change in the plan of representation at the next convention.

CITOYENS AMERICAINS MET

The Citoyens Americains held their regular meeting last night and the principal topic of discussion was to see whether or not the organization would rent permanent quarters. After much discussion pro and con it was decided to appoint a committee for the purpose of looking up a suitable place, which would be open to members every day in the week. The committee appointed consisted of the following members: William Drapeau, Dr. A. J. Gagnon and L. P. Turcotte. A report will be heard at the meeting next Wednesday. During the early part of the evening two initiations were made and three applications received.

Souvenir postal card albums. Lawler's.

GOODWIN PARDON

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VOTED TO RECOMMEND ONE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—It is stated that the pardon committee of the executive council has decided to recommend the pardon and release of Henry K. Goodwin. The recent investigations made by the committee into the sanity of the prisoner appear to have resulted in favor of the latter.

The committee has taken its time in deciding this important case. Each councillor has received a grist of letters for and against pardon. Among these letters are strong protests as well as fervent appeals for executive clemency.

Governor Bates will not return to the state house till Monday of next week, having gone to Washington yesterday. Lieutenant-Governor Guild therefore becomes acting governor again, and will continue in that capacity until the return of his chief.

Governor Bates left the following nominations, which were presented to the council yesterday: William W. Carruth, Plymouth, special justice of the Third Plymouth district court, in place of Daniel E. Damon, resigned; Robert Ellis, East Boston, member of the state police, in place of the late John E. Foulds; Edwin B. Cady, North Adams, clerk of the district court of northern Berkshire (reappointment); Joseph T. Wilson, Nahant, trial justice of Essex county (reappointment).

BOURKE COCKRAN

WILL BE NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—W. Bourke Cockran will be nominated by Tammany Hall to succeed Mayor-elect George B. McClellan as the representative from the twelfth congressional district as soon as Mr. McClellan resigns his seat to undertake his duties as mayor. That was determined yesterday at the office of Mr. Cockran, where he met Charles Murphy.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

The regular meeting of Court St. Antoine, C. O. F., was held last night in Odd Fellows hall, Chief Ranger Thibault presiding. It was voted to make the coming installation of officers recently elected a public one.

SHOT AND KILLED.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 17.—J. L. Watkins, a prominent Red River planter and merchant, was shot and killed by his negro driver, George Manuel, yesterday near here.

STEAM HEATING
WATER HEATING
FURNACE HEATING
CARROLL BROS.
Tel. 640. 36 Middle St.

SANTA CLAUS
NAPOLEON LAFLEUR,
The Hardware Dealer,
has received a large supply of holiday goods suitable for presents and before purchasing you should call. It will pay you. Remember the place.
8 EAST MERRIMACK STREET.

CHRISTMAS
New goods for the holidays. One of the largest and best lines in New England.
Greenwood Bros.' China Store
30 CENTRAL STREET.

ON RACE TRACK

McKowen Lost the University Funds

BERKELY, Cal., Dec. 17.—W. A. McKowen, secretary of board of regents of the State university, confessed yesterday to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler that he was a defaulter to the amount of $20,000 and possibly more. Most of the money was lost at the race track. McKowen has been suspended by President Wheeler and placed under arrest by the local authorities.

Secretary McKowen's arrest followed the discovery that he had attempted to pay a racing debt with a check made out to him personally by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. This check was deposited in the Western National bank from which it turned up to expose the affair. President Wheeler said:

"From what we have thus far learned it appears that McKowen at different times since 1898 had used sums of money that came into his hands instead of depositing them with the treasurer, whether as fees or donations of the university and appropriated them to his own use. He covered this up as far as we know by taking corresponding amounts from the university funds by charging them as expenditures under the head of one or the other university funds.

"He says he has not falsified the book keeping by making false entries or in any other way. So far as we know in this fiscal year the amount amounts to $1200.

"The total amount we do not know. He said he thought it would be $20,000 or more. He had spent it on the race track."

Calendars and Christmas cards. Lawler's.

See Window Display. You'll Be Our Customer

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

2 for 1 FRIDAY AND UNTIL CHRISTMAS 2 for 1
All Kinds of Trading Stamps

Dress Gloves
Fine House Coats
Dress Shirts
Fancy Shirts
Fine Underwear
Fancy Suspenders
Sweaters
Suits

Roy & O'Heir
The Little Store With the Big Trade
83 Prescott St.
All kinds of Trading Stamps.

Fancy Vests
Silk Mufflers
Arm Elastics
Neckwear
Jewelry
Cardigan Jackets
Handkerchiefs
Overcoats

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Umbrellas

Always the Best Goods for the Least Mon

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES

EVERY PRICE A STARTLING SURPRISE

A Holiday Grocery of Intense Interest... ...Qualities Are Only of the Best

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR MONEY CHEERFULLY REFUNDED.

REMEMBER—We give the S. & H. Green Trading Stamps on everything. Three for one on Teas and Coffees.

New Loose Muscatel Raisins,	5 lbs. 38c; 2 lbs. 16c
"Violet" Brand Salmon, 1 lb. flats, can	12c
Ginter's Special Chocolate, ½ lb. cakes 13c; 2 for	25c
"Regina" Brand Quick Lunch Chocolate, ½ lb. cans	13c
Postum Cereal Coffee, per package	19c
2 lb. pkg. Best Rolled Oats, "Echo" Brand	7c
Cream of Wheat, per pkg	10c
2 oz. bot. Special Lemon or Vanilla Extract	8c
3-lb. cans Fancy Golden Pumpkin, can	9c
New Mixed Nuts, 2 lbs. for	25c
New English Walnuts, lb.	16c
Cape Cod Cranberries,	10c per qt.
Crystalized Orange Peel and Lemon Peel, per lb.	15c
Fancy Christmas Candy,	10c lb.
Fancy Cluster Table Raisins, very large	19c lb.
1-lb. pkg. New Seeded Raisins,	11c per lb.
1 lb. pkg. New Washed Currants	9c
Fancy Porto Rico Molasses (can included), gal.	35c
Kennedy's Ginger Snaps, lb.	5c
Large New Prunes, 2 lbs. 9c; 25-lb. box	$1.00
1-lb. pkg. Fancy New Evaporated Apples	9c
Nestle's Brand Condensed Milk, 3 cans	26c
Barker's Pure Cocoa, can	8c
3-lb. cans Standard Tomatoes, doz. 80c; can	7c

FRESH FANCY ROLLED ROAST BEEF ....11c Lb.

BUTTER—"Golden Rose" Brand. Choicest Vermont Creamery, a deliciously fresh made and rich table butter. Cut from tub or in 5-lb. boxes. Per lb......25c

"Locust Valley" Choice Elgin Creamery Butter. Cut from tub or in 5-lb. boxes. Our price per lb. 21c

EGGS—Choice Fresh Laid "Eastern" Brand. 2 doz. box 52c; 1 dozen 27c

Special Fancy Hennery Eggs, dozen 32c

TEAS—Perfect Drinking Teas. Right from the choicest gardens of the world. "Golden Rose" brand. Finest Garden Flower Formosa Oolong, English Breakfast, Mixed, 3 lbs. $1.00; per lb. 35c

COFFEES—Ginter's Mocha and Java. Fresh roasted and pure. Sells elsewhere at 40c per lb. 5 lbs. $1.00; per lb.........20c

FLOUR—"Golden Rose" Brand. The kind that makes bread that the particular housewife is proud of. Light, fine, white and sweet. Per bbl. $5.50; per bag 70c

Our $1 Christmas Basket

Our December $1 market basket sale delivers groceries that would cost at least $2.43 elsewhere; quality and economy guaranteed.

	Retail Grocer's Prices	Our Sale Prices
2-lb carton Best Granulated Sugar	.11	[illegible]
1 3-lb can Fine Tomatoes	.15	[illegible]
5-lb bag Best Table Salt	.10	[illegible]
2-lb bag Best Rolled Oats	.05	[illegible]
½ pk Best Baldwin Apples	.10	[illegible]
1 lb Best Soda Biscuit	.08	[illegible]
2 cakes Best Laundry Soap	.10	.06
1 bot Fancy Mixed Pickles	.10	[illegible]
2 lbs Best Tapioca	.14	[illegible]
1 jar Currant Jelly	.10	.06
1 carton Best Evaporated Apples	.20	.12
1 lb Best Mocha and Java Coffee	.35	.20
½ lb Finest Formosa Oolong Tea	.38	.18
1 bot. Special Vanilla Extract	.25	.13
1 lb Good New Prunes	.07	.05
1 family Market Basket	.10	.03
ALL FOR $1.00.	$2.43	$1.00

Fancy Vermont Turkeys, headed and drawn, dry picked and price guaranteed to be the lowest in Lowell.

Full line of Christmas Candy and Crackers.

GINTER GROCERY CO.
141-143 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.
ALSO FIVE BOSTON STORES.

Announcement

John H. Burke, for the past 25 years in the grocery business on Coburn street, wishes to announce to the people of Lowell, Dracut, Chelmsford and surrounding towns, that he would be pleased to meet them at the opening of his new store, 28, 30 and 32 Coburn street, opposite West Third street, on Friday evening next, December 18. Banks full orchestra in attendance.

Yours,
J. H. BURKE.

WITH THE POLICE

George Kitchner's Clerk is Missing

AND MR. KITCHNER IS MINUS SOME MONEY

Card Machines Seized by the Police

George Kitchner is anxious to learn of the whereabouts of Thomas Welch and he has asked the police to assist him in locating the young man.

Mr. Kitchner conducts a place in Gorham street, a former saloon, and Mr. Welch has been his confidential clerk since the first of May. Last Friday night Welch left the store as usual, but failed to return Saturday morning and Mr. Kitchner has not set eyes on him since. Not so much does Mr. Kitchner regret the absence of Welch as he does the disappearance of about $60. Thomas Welch is well known in Lowell and has always borne a good reputation. He lived with relatives in Fremont street.

CARD MACHINES SEIZED.

Five automatic card machines were seized by the police yesterday afternoon. Three from the pool rooms of Samuel Scott in Central and Prescott streets; one from the pool room of Osgood & Bigelow, 58 Middlesex street, and one was taken from Frank G. Lucchesi's place, 80 Middlesex street. The police ordered the pool room keepers over a week ago to dispense with the machines and the majority of those so warned did as they were told. The officers interested in the raids were Inspector Goodwin and Officers Duncan, Corcoran, Brown and Atkinson.

PROVIDENCE MAN ARRESTED.

Sergt. Conners and Inspector Maher yesterday afternoon arrested James Nevill of Providence, R. I., on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a coat from John J. Delaney, the tailor. Nevill was arrested in South street.

ESCAPED FROM THE FARM.

John F. Cleary was sentenced to the city farm about a week ago and escaped from that institution yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon he was arrested in Lawrence street by Officer Sparks and returned to the farm.

FOUND SOME WHISKEY.

Inspector Geo. Brown called at an alleged speakeasy numbered 550 Gorham street last evening shortly after 7 o'clock and after a brief search of the premises located a small quantity of whiskey.

Bound books for boys and girls, 25 cents. Lawler's.

HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES

VINDICATED OF CHARGE OF MALTREATING PATIENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—After an investigation into the death of Adolphus Brucker, the former English member of parliament, who, a fellow patient reported, had been maltreated and abused in Bellevue hospital, District Attorney Jerome expressed the belief that the authorities at Bellevue hospital had been vindicated on all charges in connection with the case.

Engraved visiting cards at Lawler's.

GAS HEARING

ON NEW ISSUE OF STOCK ON DEC. 23.

Mayor Howe has received from the state board of gas and electric light commissioners the following letter of considerable local interest:

On the petition of the Lowell Gas Light company for approval of an issue of new capital stock of the par value of $200,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of necessary additions to the company's plant, the board will give a hearing to parties interested at its office, room 145, State House, Boston, Dec. 23, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

R. G. TABEY, Clerk.

Fancy ink stands and desk novelties. Lawler's.

DIDN'T SIGN

FONTAINE'S NAME NOT ON EXTENSION LOAN.

Councilman Fontaine of ward seven was absent when the Dummer street extension order was signed by the other members of the committee and hence his signature is not affixed to the order. He was reported as having signed it.

Copyrighted standard books, 50 cents. Lawler's.

HILL—LEITCH.

Fred Rowland Hill and Miss Emma Francis Leitch, both of Dracut, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leitch in Dracut last evening. Rev. F. J. Kelley performing the marriage ceremony at 7 o'clock in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few friends. Mr. Alfred Fox was best man and the bride was attended by Miss Nellie Bryant of this city. The bride's sister, Mrs. Belle Hanchett, played a wedding march. After the ceremony there was a short reception during which refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will live in Dracut.

Christmas stationery, choicest and greatest variety in Lowell, elegantly boxed, all prices. Lawler's.

HELD IN $7500

Idaho Man Charged With Fraud

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 Frank S. Hobbs of Idaho is now in Ludlow street jail on an order of arrest obtained by Edward B. Tustin, treasurer of the Greene Copper company, who says he advanced $7500 to Hobbs with which to develop gold mining property. Tustin brought suit when an agent reported to him that the supposed mine was not as represented and alleged Hobbs did not own it. Tustin at once applied to Judge Marean of the Kings county supreme court for an order of arrest on the ground that Hobbs was about to leave the city for Idaho. The prisoner was held in default of $7500 bail.

Hobbs, it is alleged, represented that with little difficulty he could take out $100 worth of ore from the properties controlled by the so-called Comstock Mines companies. He is said to have represented that there were tunnels and cross cuts in the mines and that everything would soon be put in working order, for there was a stream there which could easily supply power for a 10-stamp mill. The $1,000,000 in stock was tied up in such a way that little could be done until a working capital was raised and Mr. Tustin finally consented to furnish $20,000 and actually advanced $7500.

According to the report of an expert who later went to Idaho he found the land to be in the possession of A. T. Whyland who, according to the records, had staked it out six months before Hobbs had done so. Whyland had sunk a shaft and built a cabin, on which was posted a notice that the public at large and especially a concern known as the Comstock Mines company would approach the claim at their peril.

WANTS PEACE

ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE WAR.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—Correspondence of Japanese newspapers by steamer Aki Maru, after telling of the reported utterances of Admiral Alexieff as cabled to the effect that Russia was handicapped by lack of dockage accommodations and probably would come off second best in a naval engagement with Japan, says that although he affects a strong attitude toward the situation, Admiral Alexieff's real attitude is for peace. The Ashahi correspondent says that many of the principal Russian warships are badly in need of repairs, one of the battleships requiring eight months' work, which cannot be done owing to the unsettled situation.

The Kokumin Shim Bulletin has received advices from Seoul that Korea is about to lay the foundations for a navy with Russian assistance. A compact is said to have been made between Russian and Korean representatives for the purchase of a Russian cruiser and that five Russian naval officers be secured and a naval college started in Corea.

BOOTT MILLS

WILL PAY A DIVIDEND OF TWO PER CENT.

The Boott mills will pay a semi-annual dividend of $20, or 2 per cent., on Dec. 24. This is the first dividend these mills have paid since 1901.

Elegant writing sets. Lawler's.

POPULAR WINTER RESORT.

It has long been the custom of the tourist and vacationist, as soon as Jack Frost and "Old Boreas" have started on their season's gambols, to turn toward the sunny South, regardless of the fact that this is just the time of year when the great Canadian cities of Montreal and Quebec can be seen at their best.

A visit to Montreal or Quebec in the summer time means enjoyment of beautiful scenery, a tour of the historical landmarks and a visit to the famous shrines. But the native tone of the country is lost; one misses the hardy Canadian in his coat and cap of fur, gliding over the snow covered plains in snowshoes, or dashing along in his low cutter. There is but one season of the year for a visit to a Canadian city, and that season is winter.

During the last few years this fact has been brought more to the attention of the traveling public than heretofore, and already a great many people have deserted the orange groves of Florida and the tropical climes of the West Indies to take their winter sojourn in Quebec. One winter spent in the delights of snowshoeing, skating, hockey and tobogganing will satisfy the traveler that as a winter resort Quebec has much to offer.

This year a committee, composed of the members of the Quebec city government, the military, the leading citizens of Quebec and the clubs, has been organized. The object is to make Quebec the foremost resort in the Dominion and to make it a winter resort which will vie in popularity with the resorts of the south. A program is to be arranged which will occupy at least two days each week, and on these days curling matches, skating races, snow-shoe races, hockey games and other Canadian sports will be indulged in by the different universities.

The thought of the chilly atmosphere of a Northern winter naturally causes a little hesitancy, but once inhale the brisk invigorating air of the Canadian provinces and it will prove the most enjoyable attribute of the visit. The temperature although frequently around zero, is of a sharp, dry cold, devoid of the chilling qualities of an east-wind climate.

Quebec is ideally situated on the northwest bank of the St. Lawrence river, about 300 miles from the gulf. The city is divided into the upper and lower portions. The upper city is situated on a cliff overlooking the lower town. It contains the fortification buildings, the principal churches and the college buildings. The upper town is walled in and is entered by three gates. The old pathway which Gen. Wolfe ascended serves as an approach to one of the gates. It still looks forbidding and dangerous. A monument to the memory of the illustrious general adorns the famous "Plains of Abraham," and also an "Obelisk" commemorating the fall of both heroes, Montcalm and Wolfe.

The fortification buildings cover about 40 acres. It is an impregnable spot, and well deserves the appellation of the "Gibraltar of America." Dufferin terrace runs along the edge of the cliff over 200 feet above the river, overlooking the lower city. The view from here is perfect and is only rivalled by that obtained from the balcony of Laval university nearby. In the lower city are many old dwellings and antique buildings. The churches, which are numerous in Quebec, are beautiful edifices and the interiors of many are decorated with paintings by the old masters. The "Chateau de Frontenac," the principal hotel, is close to the citadel. It is one of the most beautiful hotels in the Dominion.

Quebec as a beautiful resort, and as an ideal site for a city, first appealed to Jacques Cartier on his sail up the St. Lawrence, and afterwards to the great explorer, Champlain, whose remains now lie in the cathedral. Famous by reason of the two heroes Montcalm and Wolfe, who succumbed on its plains, and always interesting to the reader of American history by reason of Montgomery's glorious but futile attack, Quebec needs only sufficient advertising to make it the resort of America, both winter and summer. Low rates to principal Canadian points via Boston & Maine railroad will be in effect December 28, 1903, affording an excellent opportunity to visit these cities. For information inquire of agent or send to D. J. Flanders, general passenger and ticket agent, Boston.

CHRISTIAN HILL LINE

SOME REASONABLE AND UNREASONABLE PROTESTS.

The new schedule affecting the Christian Hill and Pawtucketville street car lines went into effect this morning, and as usual there was a great deal of so-called "kicking" on the part of some of the patrons. Much of the objection seems to be unreasonable when one looks at the matter fairly. The confusion which was formerly occasioned by reversing the Pawtucketville car in the square is now avoided, as the car runs in a continuous line by the waiting station into Centralville. Formerly it was a serious impediment to the cars leaving Centralville and going up Merrimack street. Some of the patrons protest because they no longer have a car direct to the Middlesex street depot, but under the new arrangement it is possible to get to either depot quicker than formerly as the Pawtucketville car will not now obstruct the approach to the Merrimack street depot, and a change can be made in the square for Middlesex street. The time of leaving the hill is much better for catching the principal express trains than formerly so that the depot objection is a faulty one. One objection that has real merit is that the noon car which is scheduled to leave the square at 12.12 and leave Christian Hill at 12.42, does not afford the working people who are limited to one hour at noon sufficient time for their dinner. In consequence of this objection a petition was signed by several of the passengers and presented to the officials last evening. It requested that the car leaving the square be sent out at 12.10. The petitioners were pleased to find that this provision had already been made by the superintendent, and the noon car will leave the square for Christian Hill in the future at 12.10 and will be held on the hill until about 12.48, which will accommodate the working people even better than the old schedule.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

Christmas Presents Absolutely Free

The Zopher Drug Co. is going to give away Dec. 18th and 19th, 1900 full size bottles of Crest-all (no-cold-no-cough) the newest, latest and most scientific production of the age for the cure of all lung troubles. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass., sole proprietors.

QUESTION OF WAGES

MAY CAUSE A STRIKE IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A strike of livery drivers will probably be ordered today, a mass meeting of the teamsters' union having been called for tonight to order the walkout. A long meeting held last night between the drivers and employers broke up without an agreement being reached and a strike is considered certain. A question of wages and recognition of the union are involved in the dispute. A strike, if called, will compel the undertakers to conduct funerals without hearses and it has been decided to use "black wagons" in their stead. The owners of these livery stables say they will drive these wagons themselves.

Nearly 2000 drivers will be affected and half as many stablemen will be discharged temporarily to reduce the running expenses of the barns.

CHELMSFORD

The Literary Union met Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Perham and discussed the Panama question.

The Unitarian sociables opened auspiciously last evening in the vestry. The usual supper was served at 6.30 o'clock in charge of Mrs. Julia E. Warren, Mrs. Sarah C. Adams and Mrs. Bertha M. Wilson. The tables were well filled, likewise those who sat at them. The young people served as waiters.

The pleasing entertainment of the evening, arranged by Mrs. I. H. Knight, consisted of readings by Miss C. A. Richardson; cornet duets by W. C. Ward and Thomas Parkhurst; singing by a quartette, Mr. J. S. Bryan, Mr. Will C. Ward, Mrs. A. M. Warren, Mrs. I. H. Knight, and popular melodies by the company. Miss Emma L. Parkhurst was accompanist of the evening. A number of Lowell friends were present.

Postmaster Emerson has recently substituted a new section of 21 lock boxes for an obsolete pattern, and the general package delivery window has been transferred to a more convenient location.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Second Congregational church have elected the following officers:

President, Miss Addie M. Hyde; vice president, Mr. George W. Merrill; secretary and treasurer, George F. White; lookout committee, Mrs. G. W. Merrill, Mr. Elias De Le Haye, Mrs. Fred Mallalieu, Mr. Geo. F. White, Miss M. B. Lewis; prayer meeting committee, Mr. John C. Varney, Mr. Harry Whitehead, Mr. Walter Trubey, Miss Ethel Fisher, Miss Jennie Ingham; music committee, Miss Ethel Wotton, Miss Addie Hyde, Mrs. F. E. Varney, Mrs. Fred Mallalieu, Mrs. Harry Littlehale; substitutes, Miss Marion Crowell, Miss Florence Queen; social committee, Mr. Geo. W. Merrill, Mr. Walter Trubey, Mr. Elias De Le Haye, Mrs. F. E. Varney, Mrs. Fred Mallalieu; substitutes, Miss Rose Wright, Miss Gladys Swain, Miss Flora Knox; flower and relief committee, Miss Bertha Swain, Miss Nellie Trubey, Mrs. James Wotton, Mrs. C. F. Clawsen, Mr. C. J. Willstead; missionary committee, Miss Addie M. Hyde, Miss Bertha Swain, Miss Ethel Fisher, Miss Abbie Sleeper, Mr. Harry Whitehead; temperance committee, Mrs. Harry Littlehale, Mrs. G. F. White, Miss Ethel Wotton, Miss M. B. Lewis, Mr. J. C. Varney.

SHOULDER DISLOCATED.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last evening the ambulance was summoned to 109 Coburn street to remove Joseph Fuller, a man about 69 years old, who was suffering from a dislocated shoulder and numerous minor bruises, sustained by a fall. While passing along the street near his home at about three o'clock in the afternoon Fuller slipped and fell heavily on the sidewalk. The injured man was treated at St. John's hospital.

Kennedy's Oysterettes

The Oyster Cracker with a taste to it.

Read This Ad.—G. E. T.

Get are the initials of George E. Tradd, who would like to announce that he has got, for you to get, the best gifts, and when you give, what you will get, don't forget, that your gift will never be forgotten. Now let us not forget, what we can get, in this store, we can't get, in any other store in Lowell. We have no other branch. The ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 318 Merrimack street. Please don't forget the number.

TRADE MARK DICKSON'S TEA STORE

DOUBLE STAMP COUPON

80 with a Pound of Baking Powder.
40 with a Pound of Tea.
20 with a Pound of Coffee.
5 Stamps on Crockery, Glass and Spices.

In order to get this big quantity of Stamps, this Coupon must be presented at

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Dickson's Tea Store

68 Merrimack Street

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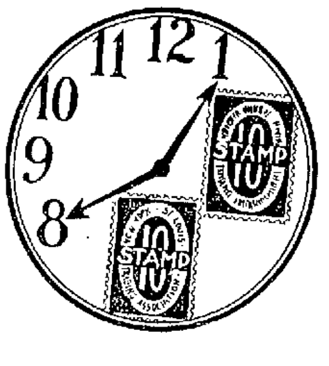
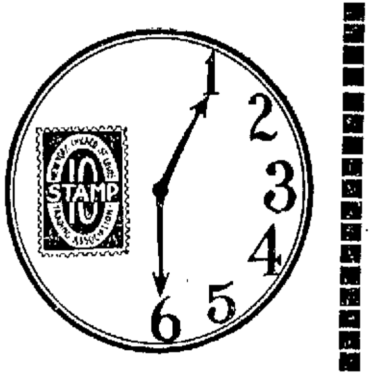



Lowell, Thursday, December 17, 1903

A. G. Pollard & Co.

Only a Week of Trading Days Left

You can't afford to put off the gift getting much longer. Stocks, however large, are bound to be depleted by so much trading. Now you can find almost everything you want. No one need be neglected because of lack of funds. A single Handkerchief will carry as much sentiment as a whole jewelry shop if it's given in the right spirit.

Double Stamps

FROM 8 a. m. TO 1 p. m.

Single Stamps

FROM 1 p. m. TO 6 p. m.

A Special Sale of WINTER CAPS FOR Men and Boys

We have just received from a big manufacturer all his sample caps and odd lots which he wishes to dispose of cheap.

They consist of all the popular shapes and styles of winter caps—the kind that keep your head and ears warm in the coldest weather—in rough and smooth materials, with double bands, well made, with good linings, and many have inside visors.

Some regular 50c caps; more worth 75c, $1.00 and $1.50. Our price for all ....35c Each

The boys' caps are the 25c, 50c and 75c sort—just the caps for this weather, only....15c Each

Some man or boy will find one of these "just what he wanted."

Palmer Street—Basement.

Gift Things in the NOTIONS

"Stocking fillers" one might call the givable things to be found in the Notion Store, needed for work baskets or personal use.

Women's Fancy Silk Garters, 25c to $1.50 a Pair

Fancy Silk Elastic, for making garters ....12½c to 50c a Yard

Needle Boxes, filled with Needles, 25c to $1.50

Pin Cushions....12½c, 19c, 25c

West Section—Left Aisle.

Another Special Stamp Offer FOR SATURDAY Muslin Underwear Section

We herewith make you some SPECIAL LOW PRICES on Muslin Underskirts, the most acceptable gift from one woman to another. AND WITH EACH PURCHASE WE SHALL GIVE $2.00 WORTH OF EXTRA STAMPS.

FOR $1.49—Umbrella Skirts trimmed with wide ruffle of Point de Paris lace with two rows of insertion. Regular price $2.50.

FOR $1.98—Pretty Skirts, umbrella, ruffles trimmed with four rows of insertion and wide lace edge; five different patterns of wide embroideries, open and blind patterns; regular price $2.98.

FOR $2.49—Five different styles of the most beautiful laces and embroideries, unusually full and pretty. These skirts are worth $3.50.

FOR $3.98—A grand model Underskirt made of the finest lawn, trimmed with fine imported French point lace, serpentine appliques; regular price $6.00.

As we shall give double Stamps all day Saturday these bargains are exceptionally worthy.

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

Special Stamp Offer for Tomorrow—Two Dollars' Worth of Extra Stamps With Each Christmas Umbrella Purchased Tomorrow.

Here's one of the grandest Umbrella collections in New England. Even now with all the past selling we have nearly 2000 Umbrellas for you to choose from. Handles from all over the world. Odd woods, Pearl, Ivory, Horn, Sterling Silver, Gold, Gun Metal, Cloisonnais. Coverings made here in our own land; all Silks in Twills or Taffeta weaves. Helvetias, Carolas, Levelians and the rest of the best wearing sorts. The Cravenetted cloths, too, are very popular.

Men's Umbrellas, 28 inch, 98c, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00 up to $15.00.

Women's Umbrellas, 26 inch, 93c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50, $2.75, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00 up to $15.00.

Children's 22 and 24 inch, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50.

Almost every Umbrella has a place suitable for engraving, which we do free of charge. Ladies' Umbrellas $2.00 and over come to you in a pretty box.

If you buy an Umbrella tomorrow you have these advantages: A big stock to choose from, the engraving done well; and $2.00 worth of extra Trading Stamps besides those you are regularly entitled to.

MERRIMACK STREET—CENTRE TABLES.

Bath Robes and Sacques of Eiderdown

Welcome presents for a mother or sister. You'll see a stunning assortment here.

Sacques, with deep collar, crocheted edge, with satin appliqued in pink, red, blue and grey, only.... .95c Each

Sacques, best quality Eiderdown, all colors, with fancy silk frogs, or satin ribbon ties, kimono sleeves and wide collar, satin trimmed, only.......$1.50

Bath Robes, all colors, in best Eiderdown; big showing from $3.50 to $7.50

Blanket Bath Robes, plain and fancy; all over patterns; all colors, $4.00, $4.50, $5.00 and $7.50

West Section—Second Floor.

Chafing Dishes?

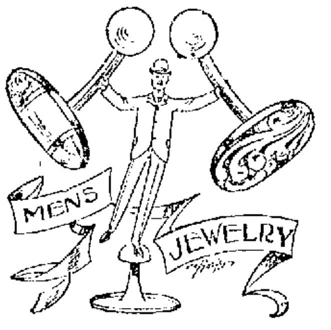
Never thought of one, did you? Time was when one's income had to be a large one to own one of these most convenient cooking utensils. Here's a style that used to cost $5.00. Full size, with the improved lamp, plain cover with nickle knob, made from copper brass, with the best silver nickel finish, only....$3.50

Another A large size dish with heavy, domed cover, ebony knob and handles, Perfection lamp; usually $7.50; only $5.00

Others $8, $10, $12, and $20

Chafing Dish Forks and Spoons at ....$1.00 Each

Merrimack Street—Basement.



Rich Pickings Here For

The man who likes unique designs in Cuff Buttons, Links, Studs, etc. There are many new things offered in the Xmas line of Jewelry which will appeal to their good judgment as well as their good taste. The articles are of superior quality but moderate prices. Gents' or ladies' solid gold buttons $1.50.

HARRIS, 10 Appleton Street

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

This Week are Double Stamp Days at

J. L. CHALIFOUX'S

47 to 59 Central Street

Beautiful Articles For Xmas Gifts

Ladies', Men's and Children's Slippers in all colors of Leather and Velvet.
Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas.
Ladies' Neckwear and Handkerchiefs.
Ladies' Vests and Sweaters.
Ladies' Wool and Kid Gloves.
Men's Kid, Wool and Fur Gloves.
Men's White and Fancy Shirts.
Silk or Wool Mufflers.
Dress Shields.
Suspenders in Individual Boxes.
Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets.
Four-in-Hands, Puffs and Tecks, Neckwear for Gentlemen.
Collars, Cuffs, Cuff Buttons and Collar Buttons
Arm Elastics and Garters.
Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.
Hosiery and Underwear.
Pajamas and Night Robes.

Handsome Calendars Given Free

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
5.45	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.23	7.40	6.20	7.26
a6.39	7.30	7.55	8.55
a6.42	7.53	8.25	9.04
e7.01	8.02	e9.03	9.27
es7.21	8.10	e10.00	10.37
e7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37
11.00	12.03	2.00	3.01
a11.43	12.25	e3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30
es1.55	2.58	e5.00	5.37
a3.03	4.20	5.38	6.25
e3.47	4.80	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
es5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.08
e6.22	7.05	10.30	11.31
es7.29	8.10	11.29	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
e6.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
e7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.59
a9.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
e4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
a5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
6.50	8.02	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.39
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.05	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.36	4.55
2.20	3.35	4.59	5.50
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.05
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
5.06	6.43	9.39	10.40
6.15	7.15	B11.15	12.15
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SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.00	6.27
5.30	6.55		
8.09	9.05		

Trains by western division leave Lowell from Middlesex St. Station.

aVia Bedford.

eExpress.

sFrom Middlesex Street Station only.

B Runs to Lowell Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

LOCAL NEWS

Barber wanted—Sun building.

Printer—F. A. M. Tobin's Printery.

Lawler Printing Co., 29 Prescott st.

Oriental Bazaar, 318 Merrimack St.

Hire your hacks at O'Donnell's stable. Tel. 439-4.

The great game of Pit at the Thompson Hardware Co.

Mandolins, Banjos, Guitars on instalments. Stratton & Hadley, Hildreth bldg.

Challenge brand coffee, all grocers and butchers. Sullivan & Co., 147 Middle St.

Star & Yankee shaving sets make a good present for a gentleman. The Thompson Hardware Co. has a full line.

Don't miss to call, Oriental Bazaar.

Standard Dictionary, full leather, $9.00. Lawler's.

Lowest prices at Oriental Bazaar.

Scrap books, all kinds. Lawler's.

Superfluous Hair and Moles Permanently Removed
By Electric Needle.
MRS. E. TURNER,
64 Central Street.

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THE CUBAN BILL

Was Passed by the Senate

FINAL ACTION PRECEDED BY LIVELY DEBATE

The Vote on Bill Was 57 to 18

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—President McKinley's promise of commercial reciprocity which induced Cuba to accept the Platt amendment, will be fully redeemed in less than three years from the time it was made. The senate, having gratified itself by postponing action from the extra session to the regular session, passed yesterday the bill passed by the house at the extra session without amendments, by a vote of 57 to 18. The senate democrats agreed in caucus just before the senate met not to offer amendments and to leave all senators free to vote as they pleased. Accordingly no amendments were offered, and nine democrats, headed by Gorman of Maryland, voted with the republicans in favor of the bill while Bard of California was the only republican who voted with the democratic minority.

[illegible] Roosevelt was delighted to learn that the long fight had been won, and arranged to at once approve the bill and issue the proclamation giving notice of the operation of the treaty, [illegible] good effects might appear as soon as possible. The Platt amendment, giving the United States practical control of the foreign relations and the [illegible] of Cuba, [illegible] to the United States, and [illegible] coaling stations, was approved March [illegible]. President McKinley [illegible] Cuba to adopt it as if [illegible] part of the Cuban constitution. The inducement which turned the scale in favor of this action was his pledge to the Cuban representatives [illegible] everything in his power to secure a commercial reciprocity arrangement between the United States and Cuba, a pledge which was indorsed by prominent senators and representatives of both parties in conference with the Cuban commissioners. Some of the democrats who voted yesterday for the bill did so because they took part in those conferences. After McKinley's death President Roosevelt took the matter up with interest, and has pressed it vigorously ever since against stout opposition. Legislation was defeated by the opposition chiefly of beet root sugar men, and when the president undertook to accomplish the result by treaty the senate, at the extra session last spring, would only ratify it with an amendment requiring it to be approved by both houses. This was finally done yesterday.

Although the amount of reduction on the United States tariff granted Cuba will be only 20 per cent. on sugar and the other products, while Cuba makes reductions on American products ranging from 25 to 40 per cent., whereas President McKinley and President Roosevelt both advocated a much larger concession to Cuba, the president and the others who have held the field against such constant opposition are pleased to have won what has been gained.

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A SMALL WHIST PARTY.

The whist party which was held last evening at the residence of Mr. J. J. [illegible], for the benefit of St. John's hospital was extremely disappointing as far as attendance was concerned, but the musical program was most enjoyable and deserving of a much larger attendance. Miss May Riley gave a piano solo in her usual artistic way, Miss [illegible] gave two readings, and vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Sherburne, Miss Huntley and Mr. Boulger. Miss Harrington rendered a violin selection from Wieniawski, and all of the above numbers were very favorably received. The accompaniments were performed by Miss Ashworth, Miss Riley and Dr. Tabor. The prevailing opinion was that the small attendance was the result of the high price of the tickets. It was very evident that some one made a blunder in setting the price for a whist party in Lowell at $1.00 a head. People will not respond at any such price even for so worthy a charity as St. John's hospital. Although over 900 tickets were issued and distributed the attendance was not over fifty. This should convince the ladies in charge that the limit on a whist party in future should not be above 50 cents a head.

Nothing better for a present than a good carving knife. The Thompson Hardware Co. has a fine assortment 85 cents to $25.00.

Hand lace collars, Oriental bazaar.

LOWELL MAN

IS WANTED ON CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

It is not generally known that Wray Taylor, who is charged with embezzlement from the government at Honolulu, is a Lowell man. He was formerly a church organist and music teacher here and his wife is a Lowell lady. Taylor is now in England, whence he originally came.

Books in choice bindings. Lawler's.

BISHOP BRADLEY

WAS A FRIEND OF THE LATE FR. O'BRIEN.

The late Bishop Bradley of Manchester was a near and dear friend of the late Rev. Michael O'Brien, whom he often visited. When the bells in St. Patrick's church were blessed, Feb. 9th, 1890, Bishop Bradley celebrated the pontifical mass.

Oriental Bazaar, 318 Merrimack St.

PREPARING FOR CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—Preparations for taking care of the republican national convention will begin soon after the holidays. In fact some of the preliminaries are being disposed of now.

Acting on the authority delegated to him by the sub-committee of the national committee of arrangements, Graeme Stewart has completed arrangements for the committee's headquarters at the Auditorium Annex. He also has appointed Edward H. Raymond chairman of the Chicago committee that will attend to the local end of the work. The sub-committee will hold its first meeting about the middle of January. It includes Senator Hanna, Henry C. Payne, Senator N. B. Scott of West Virginia, Harry S. New of Indiana and R. B. Schneider of Nebraska.

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- FANCY HOSE,
- TOQUES,
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- SILK SUSPENDERS, BOXED,
- GLOVES,
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- SLIPPERS,
- SILK HANDKERCHIEFS,
- NIGHT SHIRT,
- HOSE,
- TOQUES,
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- LINK CUFF BUTTONS,
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- SLIPPERS,
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- SWEATER.

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BROWNIES LOST

Were Defeated by the Nashua Team

The Brownies, an organization of star bowlers of this city, went to Nashua last night and met defeat at the hands of the team representing that city. The local five had everything their own way until the last string when the quintet went to pieces and allowed the upriver boys to get away with the game by a margin of six pins. Mason of the winning team was the man who turned the trick with his single string total of 123 pins in the last string. This was the highest score of the evening for a single, Wilson making a single of [illegible] and Dwyer [illegible]. Wilson of the winning team had the highest three string total, which was [illegible].

The Brownies had everything their own way during the first string, Wilson and Randall being the only Nashua men who did anything in the line of rolling, while the Brownies were knocking the pins down with every ball rolled down the alley. At the end of the string the Brownies were [illegible] pins to the good but prosperity was too much for them and in the second string the local quintet lost the string by one pin.

The Brownies still had the score well in hand but the final string proved to be the Waterloo, for the Nashuas won the string by [illegible] pins and the game by six pins. Mason, who rolled 77 in the first string and [illegible] in the second, was looked upon as an easy mark, but when he put up a single score of 123 in the third string the Brownies' eyes were opened. It has not been learned whether or not he paid the alley boy, but he turned the trick all right. The score:

Nashua: Wilson [illegible], [illegible], Randall [illegible], [illegible], Mason [illegible]; total, [illegible].

Brownies: Coleman [illegible], [illegible], Sweeney 275, [illegible], Dwyer [illegible]; total, [illegible].

LOCKS & CANALS LOST.

The Boott mill's team defeated the Locks & Canals team on Les Miserables alleys last night by 55 pins. The score:

Boott Mill: Whalen [illegible], Houston [illegible], [illegible], Wetherbee [illegible], Kane [illegible]; total, [illegible].

Locks & Canals: Abbott [illegible], [illegible], Fowler [illegible], Harrington [illegible], Mansur [illegible]; total, [illegible].

COMBINES DEFEATED.

[illegible] defeated the Combines' first team by a margin of [illegible]. The score:

[illegible]

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Ladies' writing cases. Lawler's.

RUSSIA'S EXHIBIT

WILL BE ON AN EXTENSIVE SCALE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 17—According to [illegible] world's fair officials Russia will have the most extensive exhibit which that country has ever sent to a foreign exposition. The [illegible] space will cover more than [illegible] square feet, which will be occupied by [illegible] exhibits. [illegible] national pavilion will be constructed of native wood brought to St. Louis in sections and erected by Russian carpenters.

Birthday books, all kinds. Lawler's.

Percy L. Wilson of Pawtucket street, sails from New York on Friday for Rockledge, Fla., where he assumes the position of clerk at the new Rockledge hotel.

Pictorial Lowell, 25 cents. Lawler's.

Alderman Richard J. McCluskey is spending the winter at Holy Cross college and in the autumn of 1904 he proposes to enter Columbia university and commence a course in medicine.

Music rolls, all kinds. Lawler's.

The many friends of Miss Annie Tompkins of the Oaklands, who has been sick for the past week, will be pleased to hear that she is much better.

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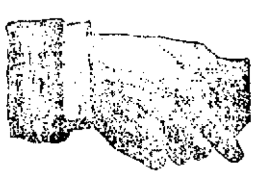

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DESPERATE FIGHT

Boston Officers and Burglars Used Revolvers

One of the Robbers Was Shot Dead—Boldest Piece of Criminal Work Perpetrated in Boston for Some Time—Watchman in Coal Office Was Nearly Killed

BOSTON, Dec. 17—In a running fight between five burglars who had broken into an office in East Boston earlier in the morning and a squad of policemen from division 7, on the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroad early today, one of the burglars was shot dead. The others escaped and it was believed probable that some of them were wounded. The identity of the dead burglar is not known. Although all five of the hunted men used their revolvers freely on the pursuing police, none of the latter was wounded. The burglars had previously broken into the office of the Metropolitan Coal Co., in East Boston and brutally maltreated the watchman and blown open the safe and escaped with $200.

The policemen who chased the robbers were Sergeant Aubens and Patrolman Hankard. The killing of the burglar was a sequence of one of the boldest pieces of criminal work which has been perpetrated in Boston for a long time. Shortly after 1 o'clock John Donovan, the watchman employed at the Metropolitan Coal company's office at East Boston, was awakened by the noise of an explosion which came from the floor beneath him. The building is a small two story wooden structure, almost at the ocean front and in a sparsely inhabited section. The concussion was terrific. Donovan hurried down the rear stairway only to be confronted at the foot of the stairs by three men, each of whom was pointing a revolver at him. He was at once knocked down and assaulted. A coal hod was placed over his head so that he could not see and then the burglars jumped repeatedly on his body, evidently with the intention of killing him. The brutality of the treatment made the watchman unconscious. The robbers then undoubtedly proceeded to remove the contents of the safe, which they had previously blown open with dynamite. Then they crossed the bridge to Winthrop. Shortly afterward Donovan regained consciousness, removed the coal hod from his head and crawling to the desk telephone called up police headquarters and gave the alarm. Half an hour later patrolmen from the East Boston station arrived at the building and found the watchman senseless. He revived, however long enough to tell the officers what had happened.

All nearby towns and cities were notified and a careful search of the marsh district in East Boston and Winthrop was begun. Two hours later when Sergeant Aubens, accompanied by Patrolman Hankard, was making a search of the barren district skirting the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroad, five men sprang from a growth of tall weeds and opened fire on them with revolvers. Although taken entirely by surprise, Sergeant Aubens and his companion returned the fire with the same fierceness that characterized the attack of the robbers. In the darkness the shooting was at random. At the same moment that the burglars commenced to fire they started to run toward the railroad tracks, down which they fled at a quick run. Untouched by any of the bullets, Aubens and Hankard followed swiftly, but the robbers had such a lead that the police were outdistanced. The officers retraced their steps to send out an alarm, when they stumbled across a body. It was that of a man about 30 years of age. In his right hand was clutched a revolver. There was a bullet hole in his forehead and another just over the heart. The wrist of the hand which grasped the revolver was broken, probably by his fall after he had been shot. The body was taken to the police station and later when Watchman Donovan had recovered sufficiently he identified it as that of one of the burglars. The dead robber wore old, almost ragged clothing. The only distinguishing mark found about him was on the lining of his hat, where was written in pencil "W. P. Smith." The hat had been purchased in New York. The man wore a short black overcoat, dark undercoat and gray vest, black trousers and a pair of worn shoes, the toes of which were completely gone. The finding of a number of alms-asking cards in the pockets indicated to the police that the man had been a panhandler who had deserted that career for the more exciting pursuit of safe blowing.

In the meantime a large posse was organized and the pursuit of the remaining robbers was taken up systematically. The gang was traced in the direction of Lynn, but at 9 o'clock nothing was learned to indicate the whereabouts of the burglars.

Manager Wyman of the coal company's office said later that only $200 had been stolen, although that represented the entire money contents of the safe.

Sergeant Aubens said during the morning that he believed one of the escaped robbers had been wounded by him.

The determination of the police to capture the remaining men was strengthened by the conviction that they are the same who have committed the numerous burglaries recently in various New England cities and towns.

ANGRY MUSKRAT

VICIOUSLY ATTACKED A MAN IN MALDEN.

MALDEN, Dec. 17.—James H. Reed of Eastern avenue had a lively fight with a muskrat last night while on his way home near the Saugus branch creek.

The animal ran in front of him and he made a kick at and missed it. The rat then jumped at Reed and tried to bite him in the leg.

The only weapon Reed had was a large colander and he spoiled that striking at the rat. Reed finally got a stone and put an end to the fight.

He took the rat to the police station. It weighed four pounds and was the largest seen in this section in some time.

Christmas Presents Absolutely Free

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BROWN MAY DIE

WAS INTERNALLY INJURED BY A HUG.

WESTERLY, R. I., Dec. 17.—John Brown, 14, an employe of the Cottrell press works, may die from the effects of internal injuries inflicted at play yesterday.

Young Brown with John Whittle and Joseph Ogston, were skylarking about the factory, and among other things they were trying to see how hard they could hug one another. Whittle and Ogston finally caught Brown in a sort of a strangle hold and they held him so tightly that when he was released he fell to the floor unconscious. A physician declared that the boy had been ruptured and that internal organs had been badly injured.

EMPEROR GOES HUNTING.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Emperor William, Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Russian ambassador, Count Von Osten-Sacken and a great following of other notable persons left Berlin today for the forest of Goehrde, province of Hanover on a two days' hunt.

Testaments and Hymnals. Lawler's.

ARMED COLOMBIANS

Camp of 2000 Troops Discovered by Americans

COLON, Dec. 17.—7.30 a. m. The United States cruiser, Atlanta, Commander William H. Turner, returned here last night from the gulf of Darien. She discovered Dec. 15 a detachment of Colombian troops numbering visually about 500 men, but according to their statements totalling 1500 or 2000 men at Titumato, on the western side of the gulf, just north of the mouth of the Atrato river and due east from Yavisa. The commander of the Atlanta sent ashore an officer who conversed with the Colombians' commander. The latter protested energetically against the presence of American warships in Columbian waters, inasmuch as war between Colombia and the United States had not been declared and politely requested the Atlanta to leave the gulf, because it belonged to Colombia.

Commander Turner ignored the request and the Atlanta returned to Colon to report to Rear Admiral Coghlan.

The Colombians are evidently busy with protective and strengthening measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously they decidedly resented the presence of the Atlanta's landing party. The Colombian force was composed partly of the men landed recently at the Atrato river by the Colombian cruisers, Cartagena and General Pinzon.

Early in the morning of Dec. 15 the Atlanta sighted a small schooner in the centre of the gulf of Darien and followed her to the western shore, where the schooner attempted to hide behind an inlet. Lieut. Harlan P. Perrill of the Atlanta was ordered to board her and the whaleboat was lowered and pulled towards the schooner. Through the courtesy of the naval officers the correspondent of the Associated Press accompanied the party in the whaleboat. It was found that the schooner had on board a hundred armed Colombian soldiers, commanded by Gen. Rafael Novo, who said Gen. Daniel Ortiz, commander-in-chief of the Colombian forces of the Atlantic and Pacific, had a large camp a mile away on the mainland. Gen. Novo requested Lieut. Perrill to land and confer with Gen. Ortiz. After temporarily returning to the Atlanta, Lieut. Perrill went back to the schooner, which, in the meantime, had taken up a position off a beach within a small bay. Great excitement prevailed among the Colombians on the whaleboat's approach.

There were repeated cries of "Viva Colombia" and there was a sudden concentration of about 150 Colombian soldiers on the beach. For some moments the situation appeared dangerous and had the appearance of an ambuscade. Gen. Ortiz appeared on the beach when Lieut Perrill went ashore, the whaleboat in the meanwhile lying close to the beach. Gen. Ortiz insisted that Lieut. Perrill should fly the Colombian flag at the bow of the whaleboat or lower the American flag at her stern, because she was in Colombian waters. Lieut. Perrill replied that he did not have a Colombian flag and refused to lower the stars and stripes.

Gen. Ortiz did not insist upon his so doing, but he protested in writing against the presence of the Americans in Colombian waters. Lieut Perrill accepted the protest and conveyed it to Commander Turner, who handed it to Rear Admiral Coghlan on his arrival here.

During the conference with the Colombians ashore Lieut. Perrill was surrounded by Gen. Ortiz's staff while inland, a few paces there was a semi-circle of armed sentinels. The beach in both directions was also lined by sentinels. Gen. Ortiz did not permit Lieut Perrill to leave the point of the beach where he landed. While Perrill was awaiting the Colombian protest, Lieut Edward B. Manwaring, U. S. M. C., rowed up in a cutter for the purpose of talking with Lieut. Perrill and to gain certain military information. Lieut. Manwaring went ashore and the cutter joined the whaleboat off the beach.

Lieut. Perrill returned to the Atlanta at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Lieut. Manwaring before returning pulled in the cutter along the coast, observing the Colombian's camp. Later in the day Gen. Ortiz requested the Atlanta to leave.

The Colombian camp appeared to be permanent, was well provisioned and probably destined to be used as a base of operations.

Gen. Ortiz and others freely expressed the determination of Colombia to fight to the bitter end in case Gen. Reyes' visit to Washington is not successful and Panama is not returned to Colombia.

FUNERALS

BOISLAIR—The funeral of Mendora Boisclair, the little girl who died from burns received Sunday night took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 104 Prince street. The remains were placed in the tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery.

COTTRELL—Services over the remains of Harriet M. Cottrell were held yesterday afternoon in the Edson cemetery chapel Revs. George F. Kenngott and S. H. Millin officiating. Miss Spofford sang. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker Young in charge.

COMBER—Services over the remains of John H. Comber were held in the Edson cemetery chapel yesterday afternoon. Pentucket Lodge of Masons had charge of the services and the full Masonic ritual was used. The bearers were C. Ball, N. Bishop, E. Sherwood, and F. Johnson. Interment was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck in charge.

COULAM—The funeral of William H. Coulam took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son, 216 Foster street. Rev. Leander Manchester, D.D., officiated. The bearers were four sons of the deceased: William E., Harry Vincent, and Frank. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker Weinbeck in charge.

GRAY—The funeral of Kate Gray tok place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 452 Lawrence street. Services were held at St. Peter's church at 3 o'clock. Rev. W. George Mullin officiating. The bearers were Edward McCarty, John F. Smith, Thomas J. Sheehan, Patrick Owens, John P. Conley and John O'Dowd. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker McDermott.

QUESSY—The funeral of Mavina Quessy took place yesterday from her late home, 60 Colburn street. Services were held at St. Joseph's church at 8 o'clock, Rev. Fr. Nolin, O. M. I., officiating. The bearers were I. Quessy, L. Beausoleil, C. Martin and D. Paquin. The body was placed in the tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery. Burial was under the direction of Undertaker Albert.

KELLEY—Funeral services over the remains of Frank F. Kelley were held in the Lowell cemetery chapel yesterday afternoon. Rev. C. E. Fisher officiated. The bearers were C. H. Conant, J. H. Carmichael, G. F. Stiles, W. H. Wilson and J. J. and John Harvey. Interment was in Lowell cemetery, Undertaker Weinbeck in charge.

SHALLO—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Shallo took place from her late home, 4 Wilson avenue, North Billerica, at 9 o'clock this morning. The cortege proceeded to St. Andrew's church, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Desnoyers, O. M. I. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Terrence McNulty rendered the Gregorian mass. At the offertory "Pie Jesu" was sung by Mrs. Terrence McNulty and as the body was borne from the church Mrs. McNulty rendered "Face to Face." The deceased was loved by all and she leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss, besides a husband, Denis, and three sons, James, 7 years; Jeremiah, 6 years; and William, 5 years of age. Undertaker McKenna had charge of funeral arrangements.

FITZGERALD—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald took place this afternoon at 2.30 from the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons, and was largely attended. At the grave Rev. Fr. Walsh of St. Patrick's church read the committal prayers. The bearers were William H., William E., and John A. Fitzgerald and Patrick Sullivan. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

MURTHA—The funeral of William Joseph Murtha will take place Friday morning at 8.15 from his home, 42 Pine Hill street. Mass of requiem at St. Peter's church.

Genuine Chinaware at Oriental Bazaar.

PATTEE ILL

CITY MESSENGER CONFINED TO HIS HOME.

City Messenger Joseph E. Pattee is confined to his home by illness and all questions are being answered by Janitor Delmore.

ROOSEVELT WON SUIT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Emlen Roosevelt and other holders of the $100,000 five per cent. bonds issued by the Etna Iron and Manufacturing Co. have won their suit against the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad company, guarantors of the bond, brought to recover unpaid interest due on Dec. 1, 1902.

By direction of Judge Wheeler, before whom the case was tried in the United States Circuit court judgment for $3,200, the full amount claimed was given to the plaintiffs. However, the suit involves the redemption of the entire bond issue when it shall fall due because of the defendants' contention that its guarantee on the bonds was not binding. This defense is upset by the court's decision which fixes the railroad company's liability.

AMBASSADOR NAMED.

VIENNA, Dec. 17.—Count Rudolf Von Welsersheimb has been appointed Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Madrid in succession to Count Von Dubsky retired.

ONE PASSENGER DIED

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The steamer Teutonic arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown with 52 first and 164 second [illegible] of the disabled Red Star steamer Kroonland, which put into Queenstown with disabled steering gear.

On Dec. 15 Mrs. [illegible] of Alexandria, [illegible], aged [illegible], a second cabin passenger from the Kroonland, died of [illegible] on board the Teutonic.

The Teutonic also brought 67 packages of gold bars and [illegible].

Choice gift books. Lawler's.

MAIDEN LANE

Property Owners Will Close It

The property owners along Maiden lane, all of whom are in favor of the proposed Dummer street extension, intend to close Maiden lane if the street goes through.

It seems that the abutters on each side own out to the middle of the alley and will close it to travel by erecting fences.

But the lane has been open to travel for many years and the question may be raised as to the rights of the public in the passageway.

Monogram dies. Lawler's.

REV. FR. McGURTY

Was Buried in Ottawa Today

The funeral of Rev. Charles M. McGurty, O. M. I., who died the day before yesterday as the result of injuries received at the fire at Ottawa university, took place this morning, and the body was interred in the Oblates' lot in Ottawa. It was thought by many that on account of the deceased being a Lowell boy that the body would be brought to this city, but it is usual to bury deceased priests of the Oblate order who die in Ottawa in the cemetery in that city.

ROCKEFELLER LOST

IN HIS SUIT FOR ALLEGED TRESPASS.

MALONE, N. Y., Dec. 17.—William Rockefeller has been defeated in action for trespass which he brought against Oliver Lamora, a poor resident of the Adirondack mountains.

Lamora was charged with fishing in streams on Mr. Rockefeller's estate, but asserted that he had a right to do so, because the streams were stocked by the state. The case was sent back to the county court from the appellate division of the supreme court and again will be carried up on appeal, as it involves the interests of many millionaires who have large estates in the mountains and desire the hunting and fishing as their exclusive privileges.

DEATHS

McKENNA—Charles E. McKenna, a well-known resident of Centralville, died yesterday at his residence, 28 West Third street, aged 35 years and 2 months. Besides a sister, Miss Lizzie McKenna, a brother, John McKenna, and a niece, Mrs. Martin McCaffrey, he leaves a large host of friends to mourn his loss.

SCRUTTON—George William Scrutton, for the last 30 years a resident of this city, died yesterday at his home, 13 Powell street, aged 50 years. He leaves a wife and one daughter. Mr. Scrutton had been for many years in the employ of the city.

NO RECEIVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Judge Lacombe, of the United States circuit court has denied an application recently made by Madeline Hughes and other stockholders of the compressed air company that a receiver be appointed. The court declared that the applicants had failed to make out a case.

Hand lace trimmings. Oriental Bazaar.

MOSES FRENCH DEAD.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 17.—Moses French, whose father, Jonathan French, fought under General Stark at Bennington as a soldier of the revolution, died today, aged 84. Mr. French had lived in Manchester for more than 50 years and was the first to recognize the possibilities of York beach as a summer resort. In 1875 he purchased a large tract of land there and commenced the erection of hotels and cottages. He had served in the Manchester city government and was a man of unusual prominence. He leaves a daughter and three sons.

It's You

Everybody looks at you and they want you should leave. There's nothing more annoying in a public gathering. Then for the sake of others, to say nothing of yourself, get a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, cure your cough, and cease annoying everybody.

J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

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Endowment and Life Policies
offer the most liberal conditions at the lowest cost, and pay highest rate of interest; 57 years and still the leader. Call or write for full information to M. J. SHARKEY, Swan Building, 26 Central Street.

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Lock up your valuables in your own steel box with your own key—secure from FIRE and THEFT. Annual charge $5.00 and up.

MERRIMACK, COR. PALMER ST.

GREAT TRIBUTE

Paid to the Late Bishop Bradley

MILLS WERE CLOSED DURING SERVICE

Singing by a Choir of Priests

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 17—The funeral of Right Rev. Denis M. Bradley, bishop of the New Hampshire diocese, took place at 10.30 o'clock this forenoon and was the most impressive ceremony ever held in this state. All business in this city was at a standstill while the service was in progress and the mills and schools were closed.

St. Joseph's cathedral on Pine street, in which the mass was celebrated, was crowded, and it is estimated that 10,000 people were in the vicinity of the church. Every local Catholic society was represented. With few exceptions every priest in the diocese was present. There was a large delegation of clergy and laymen from Portland, Me.

The body of the dead prelate reposed on a catafalque in the cathedral. The Right Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, bishop of Springfield, Mass., was celebrant of the pontifical mass of requiem and the Most Rev. John J. Williams, archbishop of Boston, assisted at the throne. About 300 of the Catholic clergy of New England were present. The body of the bishop was carried to the basement of the cathedral and placed in a tomb.

Besides Archbishop Williams of Boston and Bishop Beaven of Springfield, Mass., the Right Rev. John S. Michaud of Burlington, Vt., the Right Rev. Michael Tierney of Hartford, Conn., and the Right Rev. William H. O'Connell of Portland, Me., were in attendance.

The score of cotton mills operated by the Amoskeag corporation and its allied companies were closed, as were the smaller factories and stores.

The body of the bishop lay in state in front of the high altar of the cathedral from yesterday afternoon until this morning, guarded by members of numerous societies, which relieved each other hourly. The body was vested in the Episcopal robes, with mitre, apostolic ring and pectoral cross. The casket, made of gun metal, rested upon a catafalque five feet high in the middle aisle, near the entrance of the sanctuary, during the service. The entire interior of the cathedral was draped. Great streamers of black crepe extended from the high altar to the main entrance, and all the altars were draped in the deepest mourning.

In the early morning numerous masses for the repose of the soul of Bishop Bradley were said. At 9.30 a pontifical high mass of requiem was sung. Besides Bishop Beaven, the other officials were assistant priest, the Very Rev. Edward F. Hurley of Portland, vicar general of the Maine diocese; deacons of honor, the Rev. John Buddy of Somersworth and the Rev. J. A. Chevalier of Manchester; deacon of the mass, the Rev. J. B. V. Milette of Nashua, sub-deacon, the Rev. John J. Lyons of Manchester; acolytes, the Rev. Francis J. Howal of Manchester and the Rev. Herbert E. Hennon of Laconia; masters of ceremonies, the Rev. James H. Brennan, the Rev. Patrick J. Scott and the Rev. John Casey of Manchester.

The musical portion of the mass was sung by a choir composed of the priests of the diocese. The eulogy was delivered by the Right Rev. Mathew Harkins, D. D., bishop of Providence. Five absolutions followed, given by five New England bishops, the last by the archbishop.

MEN'S LEAGUE

DISCUSS MERITS AND DEMERITS OF THE SUNDAY PAPER.

At a meeting of the Men's league of the Kirk Street church last night the question "Resolved, that the influence of the Sunday newspaper is detrimental to the moral interests of the community," was debated and the debate was decided in favor of the affirmative. It was generally agreed that the Sunday newspaper was an obstacle in the way of church attendance and that it occupied time that should be given to more profound thought and inspiring reading.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 17—M. Comtesse, a member of the Bundesrath from Neuchatel and M. Ruchet, a member from the Canton de Vaud were today elected respectively president and vice-president of Switzerland for 1904.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton futures opened strong. Dec. 12.35, Jan. 12.45; Feb. offered, 12.55; March, 12.60; May, 12.75; June, 12.75, July 12.78; Aug. 12.40.

APPOINTMENT MADE

JOSEPH F. ROARKE CLERK OF BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Supt. of Buildings Conlon yesterday appointed Joseph F. Roarke of 222 Charles street to the position of clerk in the lands and buildings department, which has been held temporarily by John F. Connors. Mr. Roarke was appointed from the general civil service list in which he stood second with a rank of 89.40 per cent., the first man on the list being Stanley Qua, son of the ex-city solicitor, and a law student.

By the appointment of Mr. Roarke Supt. Conlon gets one of the best clerks in Lowell and The Sun, where Mr. Roarke has been employed as assitant accountant for the last nine years, loses one. Mr. Roarke is intelligent, steady and thoroughly honest and can be depended upon to fill the position acceptably.

He is unmarried and lives with his widowed mother. He is a member of the Y. M. C. I. and Industry Council, R. A. His co-laborers of The Sun unite in wishing him success and congratulate the superintendent on the wisdom of his selection.

STOPPED LOOM

A PITTSFIELD MILL EMPLOYE SAVED ANOTHER GIRL'S LIFE.

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 17—Presence of mind and swift action on the part of Miss Anna Clark, an operative in the Pontoosuc woolen mill, saved her fellow employe, Miss Christine Wheldon, from a terrible injury in the mill yesterday afternoon. Both young women are weavers, and while attempting to mend a broken thread, Miss Wheldon's hair was caught in the gears of a fast running loom. Miss Clark at the next loom witnessed the accident, sprang to a lever of Miss Wheldon's loom, and stopped the machine which was making 400 revolutions a minute. Another revolution would have torn Miss Wheldon's scalp from her head.

Miss Wheldon was unable to continue work from the shock.

TREATY VIOLATED

CHARGE MADE AGAINST FRENCH FISHERMEN.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17.—Advices from Newfoundland state that complaints have been received at St. Johns, from Dark Harbor, of an alleged violation of the treaty of Paris by French fishermen. It is claimed that fishermen remain on shore at Dark Harbor and that others are expected.

The treaty of Paris, drawn up in 1763, allows French fishermen to remain on the so-called French shore of Newfoundland during the fishing season. This season is now over, and it is expected the authorities will make an inquiry.

BROKEN WRIST

PROFESSOR UMPLEBY MET WITH AN ACCIDENT.

The many friends of Prof. Fenwick W. Umpleby, of the Textile school, will be pained to learn that he is confined to his home with a broken wrist. While returning from the school Tuesday evening Mr. Umpleby passing through So. common slipped and fell, his weight falling on his right wrist. While it pained considerable, nothing serious was thought to be the matter with it, but upon examination it was found that it had been broken.

PERSONALS

Eddie Maguire of the Boston Post was in Lowell yesterday.

Miss Blanche Webster of Marie, P. E. Island, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gillis of Andover street.

PLACED ON PROBATION.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17—Ralph E. Bancroft of Stoneham, Mass., the Brown student who was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing money from a fellow student in the gymnasium, pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of $1 in the district court today and was placed on probation until June 3.

Dainty card cases. Lawler's.

TWO FRAUDS.

The merchant who would try to sell a pair of shoes without opening the box in which they came from the factory, would be regarded as a fraud and a trickster, and the newspaper which denies to the advertiser all the information he desires in reference to its circulation, must not expect the confidence of its patrons.

WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair and continued cold tonight and Friday; fresh westerly winds.

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Tonight's Great Game in Huntington Hall

LOWELL vs. HAVERHILL

Admission 25c. Reserved Seats at Ellingwood's

THE SUN LATEST 5 O'CLOCK

BURNED TO DEATH

Mother and Two Children Perished

WERE ASLEEP WHEN THE FIRE STARTED

Another Woman Was Badly Burned

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Harry L. Smith and her two children, Harry, aged 3, and Albert, aged three months, were burned to death early today by a fire which occurred in their home at Oak Lane, a suburb. They were asleep when the fire started. Mrs. Elizabeth Shellmire was badly burned while endeavoring to awaken them. The cause of the fire is unknown.

DARING ROBBERY

Man Was Caught in the Act

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The fact that the Boston post office has been the scene of a series of daring robberies in the past six weeks and that many merchants have suffered by the robbery of hundreds of letters containing money was brought to light today by the arrest of a man giving the name of James Connors. The man was seized by the police early today just after he had emptied the mail box of James A. Houston on the Devonshire street side of the post office. He had opened the box by using a false key. The capture of Connors was the result of a carefully laid plan of United States post office detectives, aided by private detectives who had been employed by Houston. The officers secreted themselves inside the office, behind the Houston mail box and there they arranged a string with a weight attachment. Sometime afterward the box was opened. The officers rushed out and seized the man who was standing in front of the box with both hands filled with letters. Connors claimed to have been authorized to obtain the mail. During the day he was taken back to the Federal building to be arraigned before the United States commissioner.

FIRE IN CHELSEA

Caused a Loss of $60,000

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 17.—The factory and stock of the Maine Furniture company in this city were destroyed by fire today, causing a loss estimated at $60,000. The loss is covered by insurance. A strong wind was blowing and for a time adjoining property was seriously threatened. In addition to the entire fire department of Chelsea, the firemen of Everett were called upon for assistance and they aided materially in preventing the spread of the fire to other buildings.

The fire started on the first story of the three-story wooden structure and spread quickly. Several barrels of varnish exploded making the firemen's work dangerous. Several firemen were overcome by the intense heat. The fire practically burned itself out, as nothing but ruins are left. The cause of the blaze is unknown.

RIVAL CLAIMANTS

TWO WOMEN SAY WILLIS IS THEIR HUSBAND.

LEOMINSTER, Dec. 17.—John H. Willis, aged 66, a veteran of the Civil war, was arrested yesterday on a warrant alleging polygamy and is bailed in $500 for a hearing on Saturday.

Willis says his first wife ran away 27 years ago. He waited 20 years, then married again. Wife No. 1 is now in Haverhill and is understood to have furnished Chief of Police Laselle the information that caused the arrest.

It is claimed that Willis married Emeline Hardy in Lawrence, Oct. 21, 1857, and Charlotte Stratton in Leominster in June, 1896.

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Tone the Stomach

Feed the Brain

And cure nervousness, neuralgia, sleeplessness, dyspepsia, anemia, and that long train of aches and pains attending an overworked and underfed brain.

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Peptiron Pills, (chocolate-coated.) 50c. or $1—the latter a full month's treatment. Prepared by C. I. HOOD CO., Lowell, Mass.

TOURED EUROPE

Entertaining Lecture by Charles J. Glidden

LOWELL'S WORLD TOURING AUTOMOBILIST

At St. Paul's M. E. Church Last Evening

Charles J. Glidden, Lowell's world-touring automobilist, gave a highly entertaining lecture at St. Paul's M. E. church last evening on "Automobile Drives in Fifteen Different Countries and Across the Arctic Circle," and the audience taxed the capacity of the edifice, many representative people being present.

Preceding the lecture a brief organ recital was given by Solon W. Stevens, concluding with "America."

Fronting the platform were the American and Swedish flags entwined, while the balcony front was decorated with vari-colored festoons and evergreen.

Mr. Glidden was given an ovation as he approached the platform and the excellent stereopticon views presented elicited frequent applause.

Mr. Glidden in opening gave the distances travelled in Great Britain and the continent as follows:

Ireland 1510 miles, Wales 267, England 650, Sweden 1540, Denmark 306, Germany 1188, Bohemia 316; Austria 627, Bavaria 295, Italy 508, Switzerland 1097, Spain 30, France 4565, Belgium 160, and Holland 240, making a total of 13,795 miles.

"To successfully drive these great number of miles, over unfamiliar roads, in 15 foreign countries under many unknown conditions and customs," he said, "requires much correspondence and preparation. Itineraries must be prepared without the assistance of tourist agencies or the numerous publications on travel as none yet issued cover a drive over the highway with regulations now in force against the motor car."

Continuing, he said: "Our first drive in 1901 was confined to England and France for a distance of 2000 miles. In 1902, the second year's drive was the longest continuous one ever made, that consisted of 5125 miles in seven countries, crossing the famous Arlberg and Brenner passes in the Tyrols, the St. Gothard Brunig and others in Switzerland, a complete circuit of Italian lakes, over Mount Turbie by way of the Corniche road and across the Pyrenees into Spain.

"This experience in motoring leads one to remark that its charms is not in racing nor fast driving, but in ascending and descending the great mountain passes over roads winding and turning in all conceivable directions above which tower snow-capped mountains. Passing along valleys and canyons along the banks of rushing torrents under silvery water falls into dark rocky tunnels, out again amidst wonderful, constantly changing scenery, dotted here and there with quaint and picturesque villages of the prettily costumed peasants, motor mountaineering leads in this fascinating recreation.

"The third year's drive in 1903 was another record for long distance as 6670 miles were covered in 13 countries and a point reached never before attained in motoring." Speaking of this trip Mr. Glidden said:

"The Arctic Circle was accomplished without accident and only thirty minutes' delay on account of a slight mechanical disarrangement and six tire troubles. The drives have demonstrated beyond all question that the automobile can be driven to the remotest parts of the earth, wherever it is possible for horse and wagon to go. It is thoroughly reliable and a safe conveyance even in the hands of a non-professional operator. Two important requisites are essential—a well constructed car, which I found in my 16-horsepower Napier, and a good mechanic to give it proper care after each drive."

Mr. Glidden stated that as much had been written regarding his three tours he would confine this talk to incidents of the 1903 drive.

"Our motor car," said Mr. Glidden, "was specially constructed, large and roomy, enabling the carrying of five passengers, a small steamer trunk, three hand-bags, and weighed loaded with baggage and four passengers, 4500 pounds.

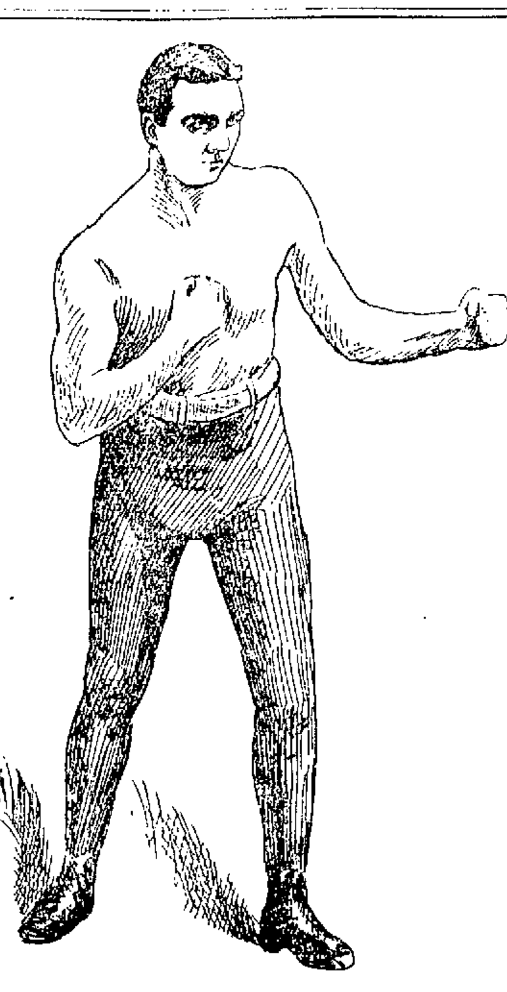
"The drive was continuous from start to finish except the crossing of water bays.

"After attending the James Gordon Bennett cup races a general tour of England was made, thence across to England, where the car was shipped to Copenhagen, Denmark, and through that country to the north, crossing at Elsinore to Helsingburg Sweden." The drive through Sweden to the Arctic Circle, 1540 miles, was exceedingly interesting and graphically portrayed by Mr. Glidden. Said he: "The people gave us a royal reception the entire length of the route.

"The Arctic Circle was crossed Aug. 16th and the American flag, carried from Boston, presented to the postmaster of the district."

Mr. Glidden's European motor drives have carried him, so he stated, through 4000 cities and towns and the trip was continuous through Denmark, Austria and Germany where Mr. Anton Lang, who played the Christus in the Passion Play of 1900, was given a ride through the mountains. The trip to Switzerland, France, Belgium and Holland was vividly described and Mr. Glidden concluded his highly instructive narrative by saying: "The motor claims for its path the hills and valleys, dales and ridges, the shaded lanes and borders of lakes and seas; for its admirers, multitudes of men, women and children; as its mission, the transportation of humanity in God's pure air and sunlight throughout the entire length of the land."

Excellent skating. The Thompson Hardware Co. has a full line of Barney & Berry's and Union Hardware Co.'s skates.



GEORGE GARDNER.

GEORGE GARDNER

Returned to His Home Last Evening

WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT THE FITZ FIGHT

He Wants Another Chance at Fitz

George Gardner arrived home from California last night and went at once to the residence of his parents where he received a warm greeting from the members of his family. George is in excellent shape and never looked better in his life. He is heavier than when last in Lowell and looks none the worse for his contest with Fitzsimmons.

In speaking of that fight he said that he did not put up his own battle. He feels sorry at the showing that he made and says that had he fought in his own way he feels certain he would have won inside the limit.

He will challenge Fitz again and has every hope that the Cornishman will give him another chance. If he does Gardner says there will be a different story told and that people will have no reason to criticise his battle.

George feels sorry for the loss some of his friends suffered who placed their money on him. "I firmly believed I could defeat Fitz," he said, "and that is why I advised my friends to bet their money. I know now that I can win from him and the sooner he will give me the chance to prove this, the better pleased will I be."

George wil start right in to get into condition for his battle with Marvin Hart before the Criterion club in Boston.

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, $3.00. Lawler's.

PROMINENT GERMAN DEAD.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 17.—Edward Wagner, one of the most prominent German residents of New Hampshire, died at his home in this city today at the age of sixty-nine. He was a native of Russian Siberia, came to America in 1855 and settled in Manchester in 1859. He engaged in the restaurant business, and through enterprise and industry extended his business affiliations until he became identified with many financial and fraternal organizations. He was a generous man, and gave largely to educational and charitable institutions. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

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TYPHOID FEVER

Remarkable Cures are Reported

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Remarkable cures of typhoid fever patients are reported by Beth Isreal hospital, where a serum imported from Italy and Switzerland is being used. Although the remedy has been in use more than three months, it has just been made public. In that time 30 cases have been treated at the hospital which is in the most crowded quarter of the East Side. Not one of the patients died and in some instances improvement set in before the fever had run more than half its regular course. The improvement was invariably permanent and many patients were dismissed from the hospital from two to three weeks before the usual time.

A small quantity of the lymph is injected into the body three times a day; sometimes in the thigh, sometimes in the breast. The operation is of the simplest and practically painless. The injections are in addition to the regular treatment for reducing the temperature, careful diet and nursing.

Physicians in charge of the institution refuse to discuss the matter fully pending the preparation of a detailed report on each case for the use of the new serum but maintain that the treatment is still in its experimental stage.

Purses for men and women. Lawler's.

POLITICAL NOTES

One would imagine from reading the screeds of the non-partisan organ that Supt. Conlon's position was the only one to be contested for this year, the idea being to center public attention upon this office and thus keep it directed away from the other positions in jeopardy.

One would not know after reading the screeds of the n. p. o. that the bitterest kind of a fight is to be waged for superintendent of streets between the present incumbent, Laforest Beals, and George C. Evans as republican candidates with Edward F. Connors and John G. Powers as the democratic candidates. The Beals-Evans contest has been carried on without let-up since the death of the late Cleveland J. Cheney, whom Beals succeeded and it has been a contest, unlike those which start up after election day and end with the election of a candidate, that has been going on through the years, in the caucus and on election day. In the past Beals' long suit has been his ability to get democratic votes and last year his election was brought about by the breaking away from their caucus agreement of four democratic members who foresaw his election and desired to be the "first in out of the wet."

But it would appear that Mr. Beals has been somewhat of a disappointment as a friend of the democrats, while Evans has grown in their favor and inauguration day, unless all signs fail, will find Mr. Evans a much stronger candidate than he was a year ago when several ballots were taken. The contest has become so bitter that there is a fine chance for a democrat to slide in.

The lucrative position held down so long by John P. Mahoney in the assessors' office comes to an end with the new year and Mr. Mahoney has practically decided to continue to give his services to the city if permitted. Although no names have been mentioned as yet it is quite certain that Mr. Mahoney will have opposition both in his own party and from the democrats.

The cry is being raised against Supt. Conlon that he went beyond his appropriation, but nothing is said of the school and other departments that have done likewise though with nothing to show for the expenditure as Mr. Conlon has.

Fountain pens at Lawler's.

Mr. J. J. Brady of Liberty square leaves today for Alleghaney, N. Y., to attend the ordination of his brother.

Foul, Loathsome, Disgusting Catarrh. Does your head ache? Have you pains over your eyes? Is there a constant dropping in the throat? Is the breath offensive? These are certain symptoms of Catarrh. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will cure most stubborn cases in a marvelously short time. If you've had catarrh a week it's a sure cure. If it's of 50 years' standing it's just as effective. Sold by Falls & Burkinshaw.—12.

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DEMENTED MAN

Killed Warden of County Jail

RIVER HEAD, L. I., Dec. 17.—Word has been received from Aquebogue that Tuthill Reeve, the demented farmer who yesterday shot and killed William A. Hafford, a deputy sheriff and warden of the county jail, while the latter was trying to serve an execution for debt, surrendered this morning to Sheriff Preston after an all night siege. Although Reeve had fired a number of shots from the house in which he was barricaded, not one of the besiegers was wounded. Reeve was wounded by the fire of the posses which had surrounded his house.

Reeve's wounds are not of a serious character, according to the doctors who have examined him. Reeve had been in the upper part of the house all night. A cordon of deputies had been maintained around the house during the night. It was hoped that Reeve would succumb to the severity of the weather but he did not surrender until he had received several wounds.

This morning Reeve came down to the kitchen to light the fire. He was seen to pass the two kitchen windows carrying a shotgun on his shoulders. As Reeve walked by the windows Deputies Homan and Reeve fired both barrels of their shotguns. At the same time a man on the other side of the house fired into the building, also with a shotgun. As soon as this volley had been fired the kitchen door opened and Reeve walked out. He was without a weapon and he raised his arms in the air as a signal that he desired to surrender. The posse then surrounded the man and Deputy Sheriff Gordon made him a prisoner.

Reeve cannot be induced to talk about the shooting and all efforts of the sheriff have failed to elicit any statement from him. Measures to have him committed to a sanitarium are said to have been under way when the tragedy occurred. Drs. H. J. Benjamin and H. H. Young had been asked to examine Reeve as to his sanity by the executors of his father's estate and the examination was soon to have been made.

Coroner Petersen will hold an inquest on the body of Rafford and District Attorney Livingston of Suffolk county will also conduct an inquiry today.

The feeling against Reeve which ran high at first has subsided as it is realized that the man is mentally unbalanced and not responsible for his acts.

Deputy Sheriff Rafford was attempting to serve an execution of a judgment for $104 when he was shot. Reeve lived on a farm which had been left him by his father. He had studied law for years. He has been known to be eccentric and peculiar, but had never been considered dangerous.

THE CANDIDATES

Men Who Want to Attend Convention

The republicans and democrats are talking about delegates to the national conventions, and although the state convention to choose them are yet four months off, there are many leaders in both parties spoken of.

The republicans are talking of sending Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, ex-Governor Winthrop Murray Crane, General William F. Draper, Congressman George P. Lawrence, Governor John L. Bates, ex-Governor John D. Long, Congressman Samuel L. Powers or William B. Plunkett as the delegates-at-large. As four are entitled to go, the chances are that there may be quite a scramble for the places, although republicans usually fix up things before they start for a convention.

The republicans have already made preparations for the convention at Chicago, and the state committee has instructed Colonel James B. Reynolds, who is now in Washington, to proceed to the convention city and arrange for hotel accommodations for the Massachusetts delegation. He leaves Washington tonight for Chicago for that purpose, and will return to Boston next week.

The Massachusetts delegation will no doubt be a thorough-going Roosevelt contingent, because Senator Lodge would not stand for anything else.

While the republicans count on being able to make their slate without jarring the sensibilities of any leader who wants to take the trip to Chicago in June, the proposition among the democrats for the four places at large on the delegation to the national convention is not an easy one.

The democratic lineup includes Colonel William A. Gaston, Josiah Quincy, Mayor Patrick A. Collins, Congressman John R. Thayer, the Hon. William L. Douglas, Congressman William S. McNary, James B. Carroll, John C. Crosby, George Fred Williams and Charles S. Hamlin. As there are only four places to go around there will be an interesting contest for the places.

The bone of contention in the work of selecting the delegates will come when the name of George Fred Williams is considered. Mr. Williams is a member of the national committee from Massachusetts, and was a candidate for vice president in 1896. The reconstruction element of the democracy in Massachusetts in the past two years has not always considered Williams in their reckoning, and having been a factor in the conventions which nominated Bryan in 1896 and 1900, it is likely he will again desire to go to the next national convention. Being a close personal friend of Bryan the democratic convention will be asked to send him to the national gathering.

Edward Fagan of Woonsocket, R. I., spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Patrolman Edward Fox of Eddy street.

AMADOR LEADS

May be First President of Panama

AGUA DULCE, Republic of Panama, Wednesday, Dec. 16.—Via Panama, Dec. 17.—The junta's decree fixing Dec. 28 as the date for the election of representatives to the national convention has been received with enthusiasm in the towns in the interior of the republic. There is no doubt that public opinion favors the canal treaty with the United States and the candidacy of Dr. Amador for the presidency.

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Man Arrested for Stealing a Coat

SAID HE USED TO EAT HANDCUFFS

House of Correction Is His Address

In police court today James Neville pleaded not guilty to the larceny of an overcoat valued at $25, the property of John J. Delaney.

Neville called at Mr. Delaney's tailoring establishment in the Mansur block and took the coat from the wall. Mr. Delaney was out at the time but missed the coat immediately upon his return to the room.

He had heard footsteps on the stairs and he went to the street in search of an officer. While searching for the officer he met Neville wearing the coat and followed him to a barber shop. Neville removed the overcoat and answered to the call of "next." While he was being shaved Delaney went in search of an officer and returned with Sergt. Connors and Inspector Maher.

In police court today Neville said he bought the coat from a man whom he met in the street. He said he paid 50 cents for it.

In relating the circumstances connected with the arrest Inspector Maher said that Neville was very abusive.

"What did he say to you, if anything when you put the twisters on him?" asked Deputy Welch.

"He told me," said Inspector Maher, "that in the part of the west where he came from they were in the habit of eating twisters for breakfast."

"Go on, go on," said Neville from the dock. "I didn't say anything of the kind. Do I look like a man that would eat twisters?"

The question went unanswered, the only response being a small-sized laugh from the gallery.

To the court Neville said he belongs in Providence, R. I., and that he came to Lowell in search of work.

"What is your occupation?" asked the court.

"I'm a wood turner out of a job," said Neville "and all this talk about the west and twisters for breakfast is all poppycorn."

Neville was found guilty and was sentenced to the house of correction for three months.

GOOD TO HIS FRIENDS.

Certain liquors came up for forfeiture in police court yesterday and in the case of John B. Martell, in whose room ale and whiskey was found by the officers, James H. Carmichael appeared and claimed the liquor in the name of Martell. The case was continued to today, and after the government had submitted its case, Mr. Martell was called upon to tell his story.

He admitted that certain liquors were found in his room, but declared that he did not have them for the purpose of sale. He told the court that he works every day and that the ale and whiskey he had for his friends.

The police said they found 50 boxes of cigarettes in Martell's room, and he didn't deny it. He was in the habit of buying in large quantities, he said, and when his friends visited him there was nothing too good for them.

"You're fond of company," suggested the court.

"Well, when they'll come to see me I'll like to use it right," replied Martell.

"Why did you have so many cigarettes?"

"To treat myself and the people she'll come to see me."

"Do girls visit you in your room?"

"Oh yes, they'll come to sew the button on because I'm not the marry man."

"Do they smoke cigarettes in your room?"

"No, they'll not come the smoke in my room. I suppose they'll smoke it some oder place, but not in it my room."

"Why do you have so much beer in your room at one time?"

"Two case not so much. I'll often sit it down and drinked ten eleven bottles at a time and never get drunk."

"Why do you drink so much beer if you don't get drunk?"

"Well, I like to treat it my friend and have some good time."

There was no evidence on the part of the government that would show any sale or attempt at sale on the part of Martell and the court ordered his discharged. In finding for the refendant Judge Hadley told the officers not to be discouraged. They were liable to lose at times, he said, but they could feel satisfied because they were doing their duty.

NEW WEATHER BUREAU.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, Dec. 17.—The new government weather bureau station here which has been under construction for some time past, and which is now completed will be opened sometime next week in charge of Mrs. Margaret Conway. The building is a two-story structure, the lower floor being used for government purposes, while Mrs. Conway will occupy the second floor.

There will be two cables to the Block Island weather bureau and a private telephone line to Point Judith, Quonochontaug, Watch Hill, Fisher's Island, and all the other life saving stations of the third district.

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CASHEL ESCAPED

He Was Sentenced to be Hanged

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 17.—The Canadian government has offered a reward of $1000 for the head of Ernest Cashel, a prisoner condemned to be hanged on Tuesday last at Calgary penitentiary in the northwest territory.

On Dec. 10, at 6.15 p. m., as the day guard was making his final round, he unlocked the cell of the condemned man and in a flash he was covered by two revolvers which had been surreptitiously conveyed to the prisoner, and ordered to hold up his hands. The prisoner relieved the guard of his weapons and keys and backing out of the cell locked the guard safely therein and with the keys unlocked all barriers and let himself out into the open world. He was not missed till the night guard came on duty and discovered the state of affairs.

Cashel had been condemned to death for the murder of a farmer named Isaac Belte in September, 1902.

One serious question which confronts the Canadian authorities is if he is captured can he be hanged under the sentence that ordered his execution Dec. 16th or shall he have to have another trial?

THE FIRST SUITS

BROUGHT UNDER THE NEW PRESS LAW.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 17.—The first suits brought in this state under the press law, passed by the legislature a year ago, have been instituted against three newspapers here by a wealthy banker of Northampton county. The action is based on the publication of a statement that the banker had last month escaped from a hotel under quarantine in his home for small-pox. The man was believed to be in Allentown and it was at the request of the local board of health that the publication was made.

The papers in describing the banker said he had dyed his beard. The subject of the article is 55 years old, had recently married a young woman and alleges that the statement anent his beard caused him to be ridiculed by his friends.

BUSHNELL'S SHORTAGE

MAY NOT GO ABOVE $18,000, IT IS THOUGHT.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 17.—After the meeting of the board of directors of the Yale National bank, of which institution Asa C. Bushnell, who killed himself by shooting on Tuesday was the cashier, today President E. S. Greeley, said that nothing was done of a nature that would interest the public. By this, he explained, only routine business of the bank was transacted and no action taken or formal discussion of the shortage of the late cashier entered into. President Greeley said that reports had been received from banks in Boston and New York which act as correspondents for the Yale bank, but it would take several hours' work to determine if accounts covered by such reports are correct. He expressed his belief that Bushnell's shortage would not go above $18,000.

ROWE SENTENCED

MUST SERVE TEN YEARS IN PENAL SERVITUDE.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A. S. Rowe, the absconding secretary of the Great Fingal Consolidated Co., who was arrested at Toronto, was sentenced in the Old Bailey today to 10 years penal servitude for embezzling over $500,000 of the company's funds. Rowe fainted when his sentence was pronounced.

MARKET LIVELY

CAUSED BY CABLES FROM LIVERPOOL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Liverpool cables were up today owing to a scare of shorts and aggressive bull tactics and this caused the New York cotton market to shake off the lethargy recently noted. First prices were at an advance of 17 to 27 points. January sold at 12.49; March, 12.70; May, 12.80, and July, 12.77, these being new high records for the two last positions and net gains on the active months of 21 a 29 points. Liverpool houses bought here as well as in their home market and commission houses, though in many cases selling for profits, also had orders on the buying side. Of course the gains, particularly in reference to the latter positions which had passed all previous records brought out heavy realizing and shortly after the call these months reacted from the highest but generally speaking the market ruled very strong.

TO PROTECT SHAREHOLDERS.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 17.—F. H. Clergue, Cornelius Shields and T. J. Drummond, of the "Soo" company, have asked the government to take such action as would protect the Canadian shareholders in case the Consolidated Lake Superior Co. was wound up. The means of doing this would be to retain the land grants and other concessions made in giving franchises to the various subsidiary companies. They will have another conference with the premier this afternoon. It is said that in the case the present reorganization plan fails, Speyer and Co, will try to reorganize the business and give all outside shareholders a chance to come in.

Episcopal prayer books and bibles, Lawler's.

Oriental Bazaar's ad. on last page.

MICHAEL QUALEY, CAPTAIN MANCHESTER BASKETBALL TEAM.

ALLARD ABSENT

Lowells Were Defeated in Manchester

ABBOTT AND O'NEIL THE LOWELL STARS

Lynch Was High Man on Fouls

MANCHESTER, Dec. 17—Manchester turned the tables on Lowell at Mechanics' hall last night, winning handily by 23 points to 16. The game was fast and unusually gentle for these teams. Cairns played boisterously and Holleron displayed an unconquerable tendency to hug Devlin, much to the Manchester man's inconvenience. As a whole, however, the game was fast and free from unnecessarily rough tactics.

Lowell was strong on fouls and weak on baskets, which helped out much from the local viewpoint, and the combination of playing more for the basket and less for the man by the local artists was too much for Captain Allard's henchmen. The captain was not present. Manchester was out to win. Lowell had considerable to spare on Manchester in passing, but she was a bit off color in throwing for the basket, owing to the brisk blocking encountered.

Healy, Lynch and Donnelly were in fine fettle and played a great game from start to finish, while Abbott and O'Neil were much in evidence in the counting for Lowell. The locals started off with a rush, and at the end of the first period had a lead of six points, and while the visitors came back strong in the second period, they were stalled at a tally of seven for the period and Manchester was just as good. In the final period Manchester cut loose again and forged still farther to the vantage, finishing in a canter.

Lynch was high man on fouls, slipping in nine which the referee saw, but Cairns was a good second with seven. The crowd appeared to think along toward the end of the game that Mr. Tierney had his optics peeled especially for Lynch, and greeted the last few announcements of the Manchester player's delinquencies with the time honored salute accorded the villain by the gallery gods. No serious harm was done, however, and it added to the respectability of Lowell's score.

MANCHESTER—23.	16—LOWELL
Devlin, lf	rb, Holleron
Lynch, rf	lb, Fields
Healey, c	c, Cairns
Qualey lb	rf, Abbott
Donnelly, rb	lf, O'Neil

Summary: Score—Manchester 23, Lowell 16. Goals from floor—Healey 3, Abbott 3, Lynch 2, Donnelly 2, O'Neil 2, Qualey, Devlin, Fields. Points on fouls—Manchester 5, Lowell 4. Fouls called—On Lynch 9, Cairns 7, Fields 4, Abbott 4, Devlin 2, Healey, Qualey, Donnelly, O'Neil, Holleron. Referee—J. H. Tierney. Timers—Halloran for Lowell and Smith for Manchester. Attendance—500.

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There has been some betting that Bucky Lew will score more baskets from the floor tonight than any other player in the game. Allard's friends are taking up the wagers as they believe that Albie after the rest of last night ought to be in the same shape he was Tuesday night.

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WOOD WILL WIN

Senate Committee in His Favor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The senate committee on military affairs last night concluded its investigation of charges against Gen. Leonard A. Wood, filed for the purpose of preventing his confirmation as major-general. Secretary Root was the only witness yesterday. He was on the stand for two and a half hours at the forenoon session and occupied the attention of the committee last night from 8 o'clock until 11.20. The committee will meet today to prepare its report. It is understood that confirmation will be recommended by a vote of 8 to 2. A minority report will be made by the opposition members of the committee.

The testimony of Secretary Root is practically the only defense that has been made of General Wood in the hearing which has extended since about the beginning of the extraordinary session of congress. This testimony, however, covered the entire range of the evidence produced against General Wood and was supported in many instances with correspondence and other data taken from records at the war department covering the period of General Wood's administration as governor of Cuba. Secretary Root understood to assume the whole responsibility for the orders issued by General Wood affecting the judicial system in Cuba and concerning the concession granted to the Jai Alai company at Havana.

He justified the acceptance by General Wood of the present of a silver set from the Jai Alai company.

At the forenoon session of the committee Secretary Root was given every latitude in telling his own story of the affairs in the island and refuting the charges that had been made by a number of witnesses, but at the evening session questions were asked by Senator Teller, which confined the secretary to the Runcle letter, the Jai Alai concession, the Rathbone trial; General Wood's friendship for Bellairs and the question of seniority as a means of recognizing military service. Many of the questions were pointed and in some cases severe upon General Wood, but in every case General Wood found a firm defender.

GENERAL CASTRO

Was Driven Out of the Country

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—The Pacific mail steamer Barrachuta just arrived here from Panama, transported General Demetrio Castro of the Colombian forces away from the seat of trouble to Punta Arenas, Costa Rica. His departure was rather sensational. When the new republic of Panama was proclaimed, General Castro was requested to take the oath of allegiance. He refused and was ordered to leave the country. Failing to do so, a squad of soldiers waited upon him and escorted him aboard the Barrachuta, then about to sail.

BIG DEFALCATION

WILL REACH THE SUM OF $40,000.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the finance committee of the board of regents of the University of California, it has developed that former Secretary McKowen's defalcations will reach at least $40,000 instead of half that amount as was at first supposed. It was brought out during the conference that the peculations covered a period of seven years and that McKowen has scarcely any money of his own. McKowen was present at the conference and at its conclusion was given into the custody of the sheriff. It is announced that the scandal will be sifted to the bottom. The stolen money, it is said, was not taken from the general fund of the university but from private benefactions turned over to McKowen.

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TO FIGHT RUSSIA

Japanese Statesmen Confer on a Program

TOKIO, DEC. 16—IN CONSEQUENCE OF RUSSIA'S REPLY A SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF THE ELDER STATESMEN OF JAPAN, INCLUDING THE MARQUIS ITO AND THE CABINET MINISTERS, IS PROCEEDING HERE TODAY. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STATESMEN ARE CONSIDERING THE ADOPTION OF A FIRM STAND AGAINST RUSSIA.

GEN. KODAMA, THE WAR MINISTER, WAS PRESENT FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE CONFERENCE.

THERE IS RENEWED ACTIVITY AT THE ADMIRALTY IN VIEW OF A POSSIBLE NAVAL DEMONSTRATION.

FACTORIES HAD TO CLOSE

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., DEC. 16.—HUNTINGTON, CATTLESBURG, ASHLAND, IRONTON AND ALL SMALLER TOWNS IN THIS SECTION ARE WITHOUT NATURAL GAS TODAY AND PRACTICALLY ALL THE FACTORIES, LARGE AND SMALL, HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CLOSE, THE RESULT OF A BREAK IN THE PIPES NEAR WARFIELD, KY.

THE DAVIS CASE

The Facts Will be Presented

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Acting Secretary of State Adee, in the matter of assault upon U. S. Consul W. R. Davis by Turkish officials and police at Alexandretta, has cabled Minister Leishman to present the facts to the Turkish government and inform it that the case is one seeming to invite an expression of regret and reparation. The state department does not indicate what measure of reparation is expected but it is understood that the Turkish government certainly will by removal or otherwise punish the offending Turkish officials at Alexandretta and compensate Attarian for the losses and injuries he has sustained. The Turkish government is willing to compensate Attarian and deport him. It is understood that the main offense is the assault upon the United States consul, a matter of gravity in international law. The consul has found refuge for the time being at Beirut, awaiting instructions as to whether or not he shall return to his post. The information that has reached the department is to the effect that Mr. Davis was acting entirely within his rights in protecting a naturalized American citizen. He was set upon by five Turkish policemen and dragged along the ground. It also appears incidentally that upon recovering his footing the consul promptly and soundly thrashed all five of the policemen.

LYING IN STATE

BODY OF BISHOP BRADLEY REMOVED TO CATHEDRAL.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 16.—The body of the late Right Rev. Denis M. Bradley, Roman Catholic bishop of Manchester, was taken from the Episcopal residence this afternoon to St. Joseph's Cathedral. The body was borne by the Sheridan guards, escorted by a number of church societies. The features of the late prelate will be viewed by the public tonight and until the pontifical high mass tomorrow a dozen organizations will act as guard at intervals.

The solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated for the repose of the soul of the dead bishop this forenoon at St. Anselms college. The celebrant was the Right Rev. Abbott Hilary, president of the college.

GOVERNOR BATES

WILL HAVE CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Governor John L. Bates left for Washington today where he is to have a conference with President Roosevelt. The governor will return on Saturday, but will not be at the state house again before Tuesday of next week. On account of the absence of the governor, the executive council took no action today on the petition for a pardon of Henry K. Goodwin, who is now serving a life sentence in state prison for the killing of Albert D. Swan at Lawrence about 18 years ago.

ROBBED A BANK.

QUIMBY, Iowa., Dec. 16—The bank of Quimby has been robbed of $3000. The robbers escaped.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—The stock market opened heavy. Amalgamated Copper 47⅞, Atchison 68½, Baltimore & Ohio 79¾, Brooklyn Transit 49⅜, Erie 30, Missouri Pacific 92¾, Norfolk & Western 57⅝, Penna. 117¼, Reading 44⅛, Rock Island 25⅜, Sugar 123⅜, St. Paul 142½, Southern Pacific 48¼, Southern Railway 21⅛, Union Pacific 78¾, United States Steel 10¾, do. pfd. 52⅝.

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THE CUBAN BILL

Senator Spooner Heard in Its Behalf

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The senate was prompt today in taking up the Cuban reciprocity bill and Mr. Spooner was immediately recognized. He began by remarking that it was strange that the senate should find it necessary to spend so much time in consideration of a bill which had been so promptly accepted by the house. This attitude he declared, was inconsistent with the attitude of senators who not long ago were engaged in accusing the white faced patient man who then occupied the executive mansion with ulterior motives in standing out against war with Spain for the liberation of Cuba.

Mr. Spooner spoke of the varying positions of the opponents of the bill and especially of the introduction of the Newlands resolution inviting Cuba to become a part of the United States, deprecating it and saying that he hoped it would be postponed indefinitely, because, he said, sometimes invitations are regarded as commands.

SENATE RECESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The senate committee on appropriations today agreed to report without amendment the holiday adjournment resolution providing for a recess from Dec. 19 to Jan. 4.

IN THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—When the house convened today consideration of the pensions appropriation bill was resumed in committee of the whole, Mr. Gibson (rep., Tenn.) being the first speaker.

He said the president had pursued a wise and prudent course in connection with the Panama situation. He declared that the south was prospering under republican tariff laws and would prosper under a republican isthmian canal. He said the tariff was like of pair of suspenders—too tight in some places and too loose in others, but very needful just the same.

OPINIONS DIFFER

AS TO EFFECT OF SALE OF "SOO" ASSETS.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 16—Opinion differs in Toronto as to the effect of the sale of the "Soo" assets in New York yesterday. Messrs. Shields, Conmee, B. J. Clergue and Coyne unite in saying that the sale was not yet will not effect the order of the Canadian court. It is practically assured that the government will make no effort to pay off the claims against the properties.

The reorganizing syndicate represented by Messrs. Drummon and Clergue claim to have secured $6,500,000 toward the underwriting of the new company supplied chiefly by New York capitalists. James Conmee says the basis of the underwriters' plan provides for a reorganization of the company with the issue of new stock and bonds. Those who subscribe will get for their $5,000,000, $6,000,000 bonds and a bonus of $10,000,000. That will leave $30,000,000 of treasury stock. Old shareholders can come in on the arrangement by paying an assessment of $3 a share.

ARCHITECTS CHOSEN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Peters and Rice, architects of Boston, have been selected under the competitive system of the treasury department as the architects of the new federal building at Marblehead, Mass.

VESSEL ASHORE.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 16.—The steam fishing vessel Alice Jacobs, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, bound from Gloucester, Mass., for Bay of Islands, to load frozen herring, went ashore at daylight this morning near Cape Race and will probably be a total loss. The crew is safe.

PRINCETON HOCKEY TEAM.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 16.—The manager of the Princeton University Hockey team announced today that a Christmas trip had been arranged consisting of four matches. Two will be played in Pittsburg on Dec. 26, with the Western Pennsylvania team and on Dec. 28 with the Interscholastic team of Pittsburg. On Dec. 29 and Dec. 30 games will be played at Pittsburg with Yale. The team will leave Pittsburg Christmas night.

THE WOOD INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Sec. Root was the first witness today before the senate committee on military affairs which is investigating the protests against the confirmation of Gen. Leonard Wood to be major general. His testimony was in defence of Gen. Wood. He read extracts from official correspondence bearing on the charges and also concerning Gen. Wood's administration as governor general of Cuba. He was on the witness stand two and a half hours.

TWO MEN DEAD

Killed in Collision Between Trains

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Dec. 16.—Two men lost their lives, one was fatally hurt and several others were more or less severely injured in a collision of two sections of a freight train on the Frisco system south of Pawnee, Kas., today. The members of the crew who escaped death were forced to jump from the high trestle or be burned in the wreckage.

GREAT SURPRISE

AT NEWS OF LOSS OF FISHING STEAMER.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 16—News of the loss of the fishing steamer Alice M. Jacobs was received in this city with much greater surprise than usually follows that conveying information of the loss of a sailing vessel. The Alice M. Jacobs was the only steam vessel ever engaged in the Gloucester fishing service and probably the only craft of the kind in existence. Her commander and managing owner, Capt. Sol Jacobs of this city, is known far and wide as one of the most successful fishermen that ever sailed from this port. He is known as the leading high liner among the mackerel fleet.

The Jacobs was built at Essex in 1892 and was fitted in Boston with boiler and engine. She registered 221 tons gross measurement, was 153 feet in length, 14 in breadth, and was 12 feet deep. Her engine is of 400 horsepower.

During the past season Capt. Jacobs broke all records for the size of his mackerel cargoes and has done a flourishing business. It is estimated that the steamer was worth $25,000. She was insured.

Capt. Jacobs has been wrecked several times. Several years ago his schooner, the Ethel B. Jacobs, was lost off the coast of Ireland. The vessel was a total wreck but none of the crew was lost.

MONEY ON CALL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Noon—Money on call steady at 5¼ per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

Exchanges, $246,701,591; balances, $10,746,372.

ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 16—The celebration of the 25th anniversary of Rev. John Cotton Brooks, brother of the late Bishop Phillips Brooks, as rector of Christ Episcopal church, began at 11.30 o'clock this morning with a holy communion service, celebrated by Bishop Alexander H. Vinton of western Massachusetts. Many church dignitaries from New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other cities were present and the church was crowded with members of the parish and of other churches. Following the communion service short addresses of a congratulatory nature were made by Bishop William N. McVickar of Rhode Island; Rev. F. W. Tompkins rector of Holy Trinity church, Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. Harry P. Nichols, rector of Holy Trinity church, Harlem; Rev. Dr. Wm. M. Grosvenor, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, New York; Rev. Dr. Arthur Lawrence, rector of St. Paul's church, Stockbridge; Rev. Dr. D. D. Addison, rector of All Saints church, Brookline; Rev. Leighton Parks of Emmanuel church, Boston, Rev. James DeWolf Perry, rector of Christ church, Fitchburg; Bishop Frederick Burgess of Long Island and Bishop William Lawrence of Massachusetts.

EXCHANGES AND BALANCES.

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BANK PRESIDENT

Arrested by United States Marshal

IS CHARGED WITH MAKING A FALSE ENTRY

Involving a Note for $5000

WOODSVILLE, N. H., Dec. 16.—Albert H. Eastman, president of the Berlin National bank of Berlin and vice president of the Gorham National bank of Gorham, was arrested here today by United States Marshal Nute on a charge of making a false entry involving a note for $5000 at the first named institution. Eastman is held in $10,000 bonds.

The arrest was made on the arrival of the morning train from Lancaster, on which Mr. Eastman was proceeding to Berlin and after a brief hearing before United States Commissioner Shurtleff, held in the parlor of the Hotel Wentworth, at which Eastman pleaded not guilty and bail was fixed at $10,000, the bank president was taken to Berlin, where an effort was made to secure bail. The papers for the arrest were issued at the request of United States District Attorney Hemblett on representations made by Bank Examiner Carroll, on the ground that a $5000 note signed by George M. Marshall, cashier of the Gorham National bank, had been falsely entered on the books of the Berlin National bank, with intent to deceive. The bank examiner alleged that there was reason to believe that Eastman was the maker of the note and not Marshall. Eastman said today that the note was all right and that it was well secured and that the matter could easily be explained to the satisfaction of all concerned.

EASTMAN IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, N. H., December 16.—President A. H. Eastman of the Berlin National bank arrived today from Woodsville in the custody of United States Marshal Eugene P. Nute, having been arrested at Woodsville on a charge of making a false entry on the books of the bank here. Mr. Eastman, in custody of the marshal went directly to the bank and soon afterwards efforts were begun to secure bail in $10,000, which had been named at a hearing held at Woodsville immediately after the arrest. Mr. Eastman seemed to consider the whole matter the result of a misunderstanding, which he said would soon be wholly straightened out. In an interview obtained shortly after he arrived, Mr. Eastman said: "The United States authorities apparently suspect a joint note, but this is not so. The transaction is above board and perfectly honest and honorable in every respect. It was made to deceive nobody and the proceedings in due time will be satisfactorily explained. The note is perfectly good and is secured by stock of the Gorham National bank of which Marshall is cashier, in excess of the face of the note."

The United States authorities refused to discuss the matter saying that they were acting under orders received from U. S. District Attorney Hamblett by whom the papers in the case were issued.

While Mr. Eastman and his friends were endeavoring to secure bail, the United States authorities were serving summonses on various residents of the city to appear before the United States grand jury at Concord. Among those ordered to Concord were persons interested in the City Supply Co., which failed here about a year ago and also investors in the Berlin Water Co., which recently sold out to another concern which is now supplying the city with water. The books of both these concerns are included in the summonses which have been issued, and also the books of the Berlin Independent. Mr. Eastman, it is understood, has been interested in all three of these concerns, having been treasurer of the City Supply Co., and having financed the transaction by which the water company was sold.

Mr. Eastman is about 40 years old. He has been a resident of Berlin since about 1890, at which time he started a private bank with a capital of about $5000. From that beginning he has branched out widely along financial lines, having organized the Berlin National bank, the North Conway Loan and Banking Co. at North Conway, the Groveton National bank at Groveton, the Farmers' and Traders' National bank at Colebrook and the American National bank of Boston. A few years ago the Groveton National bank was transferred to Gorham and became the Gorham National bank, which figures in the pending case against Mr. Eastman.

The persons summoned to appear before the grand jury expressed surprise at the action of the authorities and claimed to be utterly at sea as to the line of evidence which they will be expected to give. It is understood that National Bank Examiner Carroll has been at work on the case for some weeks and it is said that his investigations have covered various transactions said to have taken place between Eastman's banks and some of the companies in which he was interested.

The Berlin National bank is patronized generally by concerns and individuals interested in the lumber trade in this section. The Gorham National bank, of which Eastman is vice president, although he is said to own $18,000 of the $25,000 capital, has been considered prosperous.

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MANSLAUGHTER

Charge Against Boy is Dismissed

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 16.—Wilfred Belanger, 14 years of age, was arraigned in district court today, charged with stealing a horse and carriage and with manslaughter in causing the death of Cornelius Crowley, who was struck on a street crossing Saturday night by the horse which was running away with the lad. The prosecution charged the boy with responsibility for the result of his unlawful act in stealing the horse. Judge McDonough ruled that the runaway horse could be said to be outside of the lad's control at that moment and the court did not believe that a jury would convict the boy of manslaughter. Marshal Hillard thereupon nol prossed the manslaughter charge and pressed that of illegally taking a horse and wagon. On this charge Belanger was found guilty and already having a police record, he will be sent to a state institution on arrival of the state agent tomorrow.

HELD IN $5000

Syrians Hurt in a Gambling Quarrel

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 16.—Three Syrians and an Arabian arraigned in the district court today and pleading not guilty, were held in bonds of $5000 each on the charge of complicity in a gambling quarrel which resulted in the probably fatally wounding of Charles Potaker and injury of less serious nature to Felimm Haurian, both Syrians, on Sunday night. The men who were arrested yesterday morning are Nasave Alias, 20 years, an Arabian; Sliman Hasler, 22 years; Charles Simon, 22, and Francis Simon, 18, all Syrians. They will come up for trial December 29th. Small hope of Potaker's recovery is held by the hospital physicians.

MILLS WILL RUN

IF THEY ARE SUPPLIED WITH COTTON.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 16.—No cable notice of action taken by Lancashire, Eng., cotton manufacturers, had been received in this city up to noon today. The consensus of opinion in this city seems to be that mills which are well supplied with cotton will run, others may stop, but it is doubtful if a concerted curtailment movement is possible in this city at the present time. No notice either has been received from the committee of 15 southern manufacturers which was appointed at the Charlotte, N. C., convention of southern mill owners to arrange a conference in Washington.

LOOMIS' SPEECH

LAID BARE SOME PERTINENT FACTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—The speech of Assistant Secretary of State Loomis last night at the banquet of the Quill club of New York, in which he laid bare some pertinent facts in regard to the attitude of Colombia toward the Hay-Herran treaty was the subject of considerable gossip today here and there was much speculation as to the effect it would have on the future course of Gen. Reyes, the special envoy of Colombia now in Washington. When seen today Gen. Reyes admitted that he had read Mr. Loomis' address but declined to make a statement. "I am a diplomat," said he, "and it would ill become me to make any comment."

GREAT DIFFICULTY

IN CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TUNNEL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Serious difficulty is being encountered in the construction of the new East river tunnel from the Battery by the New York Tunnel Co., owing to the nature of the river bed at that point. About ten days ago a leak about 300 feet from the shore drove the workmen from the tunnel. Air compressers were set to work to expel the water but the air pressure has found an escape nearer shore, seriously weakening the pile foundation of one of the ferry slips. When the pressure is high, it is said, a geyser of water boils up beneath the ferry house and last night a large part of the flooring of the house which had settled from 2 to 4 inches, was railed off to prevent ferry passengers from congregating there.

A large sheet of canvas now covers the river bed where the first leak developed and large quantities of gravel and cement have been sunk along the line of the tunnel to furnish resistance to the air pressure.

NEW POSTMASTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Isaac R. Thatcher, 2nd., has been appointed fourth-class postmaster at Yarmouth, Mass.

CABINET RESIGNED.

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 16.—The Ralli cabinet has resigned, the premier being unable to find sufficient support in the chamber of deputies to carry out his policy.

VENEZUELAN CASE.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 16.—With the exception of France all the powers interested in the Venezuelan arbitration have forwarded to the tribunal a notification of the verification of their claims by the Caracas commission. Judgment will be delivered early in February.

TELEPHONE DIVIDEND.

BOSTON, Dec. 16. The directors of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. today declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent. and an extra dividend of ¾ per cent.

TWO FRAUDS.

The merchant who would try to sell a pair of shoes without opening the box in which they came from the factory, would be regarded as a fraud and a trickster, and the newspaper which denies to the advertiser all the information he desires in reference to its circulation, must not expect the confidence of its patrons.

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Many a man who has been fooled by the "Pay When Cured" racket, knows that it is the last and only resort of a dying out pretender to get a patient into his clutches. Beware of such schemes. Don't be deceived by misleading statements such as these seemingly charitable offers.

Don't entrust your lives to anyone not qualified by years of experience to treat you. Don't even step your foot across the threshold of an office run by inexperienced, irresponsible, illiterate pretenders. You had better save your money and let the disease take its own course than be practised and experimented upon and in the end lose both your money and life.

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ORIGINAL PACKAGE

Joyce and Blacktin Were Found Not Guilty

In the superior criminal court at East Cambridge today, Judge Hardy, in the original package case, Charles H. Joyce and Leo Blacktin, defendants, ordered the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty. The district attorney said he had no evidence to offer and the jury complied with the order of the court without leaving their seats.

It will be remembered that Messrs. Joyce and Blacktin did a lucrative business in the sale of original packages. The packages contained a quart of Canadian ale and sold for 35 cents each. Supt. Moffatt got several samples of the ale and submitted his case to the district attorney. The sale of the packages was stopped pending the result of the trial. In reply to a Sun reporter's question this afternoon Mr. Joyce said he had not decided relative to re-engaging in the sale of the original packages.

GOT TWO YEARS

Fred Briere Sentenced to House of Correction

He Robbed the Cash Drawer in a Lakeview Avenue Grocery Store — Briere Has a Police Record

Fred Briere, alias Fred Brayers, one of the slickest thieves known to the local police, was sentenced by Judge Hardy in the superior criminal court at East Cambridge, today, to two years in the house of correction.

Briere was charged with the larceny of $262 from Arthur Lacombe who conducts a grocery store in Lakeview avenue. Briere was well known to the police before he robbed the cash drawer in the grocery store and even at that time the police were looking for him.

It was on the afternoon of Oct. 27, 1902, that Briere and a companion entered Mr. Lacombe's store and asked for a quart of molasses. Briere had been in the store several times before and knew that Lacombe kept his molasses in the back of the store. He was not aware that Lacombe had two grades of molasses and that he kept the best in the back store and the cheap molasses in the front store. When asked if he wanted the best or the cheapest Briere said he wanted the cheapest and he was surprised when Mr. Lacombe served him without going to the back store.

Briere and his companion were foiled but not discouraged and in less than an hour they returned and said they wanted to buy some onions. Briere's companion said he wanted to see the onions before buying them and Mr. Lacombe took him to the back store, leaving Briere dangerously near the cash drawer. Briere didn't lose any time in making the connection and after Mr. Lacombe and the other fellow had been in the back store about three minutes Briere called to his companion and said, "I will meet you at the corner."

That, of course, was to tip his partner that everything was all right and the fellow bought the onions and went out by the back door. A few minutes later Mr. Lacombe went to the cash drawer and found that he had been touched to the tune of $262.

Briere is 24 years old. He is a graduate of the Massachusetts reformatory, has served three months in the common jail in Lowell for the larceny of watches and one year in the house of correction at Georgetown.

When Briere was arrested he was very reticent, but when he did start talking he told the officers at the police station that there were only three men in the business in Lowell that were worthy of the title of "crook" and he said he was one of them. "I like the fellow that can work all by his lonesome," he said to Deputy Welch.

NO CHANGE IN FINES.

Two other Lowell cases disposed of by Judge Hardy at East Cambridge today were those of John Donnelly and Thomas McNerney charged with illegally exposing and keeping for sale intoxicating liquors. The fines imposed by Judge Hadley in the lower court were confirmed. Donnelly was fined $50 and McNerney $100. Donnelly kept at 4 Corbett place and McNerney at 110 Chapel street.

DUMMER STREET

Remonstrance Coming to New Street Project

Judging from the inquiries made at city hall today in regard to the Dummer street extension matter it would appear that there will be lively opposition to the project from real estate owners in the vicinity.

The proposed extension brings the new street out only a few feet away from Maiden lane, leaving that unsightly thoroughfare intact. Thus there will be a street and an alley running through with insufficient space between to admit of the erection of a building of good size. Furthermore there is objection on the ground that the land damages asked are exorbitant.

COURSEY FUNERAL

ONE OF THE "OLD TIMERS" LAID AT REST.

The funeral of Jeremiah Coursey, better known as "Darby Coursey" took place yesterday afternoon and the remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery by Undertaker O'Connell.

Coursey died at the age of 92, the last two decades of which were passed in feebleness and hardship, but in his day he was one of the strongest men in Lowell. He worked for Staples Bros. and other contractors, and was engaged on the building of most of the Lowell mills, on St. Patrick's church, and the Lowell jail. He used to carry heavy stone sills in his work, long before horse power was used. In 1876 while engaged on the rebuilding of Day's & Sargent's mill he fell with the old wall and dislocated both shoulders. For a time afterward he continued at hard work but his injury coupled with his age compelled him to engage in a lighter occupation and he collected junk until he became too feeble to work at all.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Communications have been sent to the various Catholic societies in the city asking them to appoint delegates to attend a convention in January for the purpose of devising means in which to celebrate St. Patrick's day. The convention will be held in Hibernian hall and will be called to order by Martin J. Crowe, whose name with that of Mr. Frank J. Kierce appears on all communications.

It is not known, at this writing, in what manner the birthday of Ireland's patron saint will be observed next year, although the meeting will doubtless see a diversity of ideas.

LADIES AUXILIARY

OFFICERS ELECTED AT LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

At the meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 1, A. O. H., last night the following officers were elected: President, Norah T. Reardon; vice president, Margaret Hickey; financial secretary, Kate J. Gorgan; treasurer, Mrs. Maurice O'Connor. Nineteen young women joined the organization and it was stated that during the three months that Miss Reardon has occupied the position of president one hundred members have been admitted.

Dr. James E. Leary attended the meeting and stated that he would offer a prize of $5 to the member who brings in the largest number of members during the next six months.

The following resolutions on the death of Nellie Kirby were adopted:

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our late sister, Nellie Kirby; and

Whereas, the intimate relations long held by our deceased sister with members of this auxiliary render it proper that we should place on record our appreciation of her services as a worthy member; therefore be it

Resolved, by Ladies Auxiliary, No. 1, A. O. H., that while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Most High we do not less mourn for our sister who has been called from her labors to rest:

Resolved, that in the death of Nellie Kirby this order loses a sister who was always active in her work as a member, ever ready to assist the needy and distressed of the fraternity; prompt to advance the interests of the order; devoted to its welfare and prosperity; one who was wise in counsel and fearless in action, honest and upright, whose virtues endeared her not only to her sisters of the order but to all who knew her.

Resolved, that this auxiliary tenders its heartfelt sympathy to the family and relatives of our deceased sister in their sad affliction.

Resolved, that these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this order, a copy sent to the press, and one to the family of our sister.

NORA T. REARDON, Pres.,
MARGARET HICKEY,
MRS. M. O'CONNOR,
BRIDGET GAYNOR,
BRIGDET TRAINOR,
Committee on Resolutions.

Are You Hungry?

Does what you eat hurt you? If you are Bilious or have a Sluggish or Disordered Liver, or have Indigestion, you can be set right by using

Beecham's Pills

Sold Everywhere. In boxes 10c. and 25c.

WHISKEY SEIZED

Globe Hotel Visited by the Liquor Squad

Three members of the liquor squad, Brown, Duncan and Corcoran, swooped down on the Globe hotel this afternoon and seized a quantity of whiskey. No arrest was made.

VIGOROUS KICK

Made by Residents of Centralville

The residents of Christian Hill are making a strenuous kick over the change of time of running the Christian Hill car, which will go into effect tomorrow. Many of the residents of the hill by the arrangement now in vogue are able to make connections whereby they can go home to dinner, but the new schedule will make it impossible to do this. A number of the patrons of this line claim that the falling off of the number of people who ride will be quite large.

Another cause for kick is owing to the fact that some of the residents who use the line work at the machine shop and in the vicinity of Western avenue and the depot and it was not necessary to change cars going to and from work, but by the arrangement which will go into effect tomorrow morning, changes will have to be made at the square.

While a great many people are kicking over the change it is also benefiting a great many and the railroad company is making the change in order to give better service to the patrons of the road. It is understood that the Boston & Northern within a short time will run big double truck cars on all the lines excepting the Christian Hill line and the Varnum avenue and Pawtucketville lines. It would be impossible to try and get the big cars up the hills in Centralville, while on the other hand the city will not allow big cars to pass over the Pawtucket bridge, and owing to this fact the Pawtucketville and Christian Hill lines were combined in order to keep the small cars on one line.

It is given out on good authority that the small cars are being sent to smaller cities where the Boston & Northern operates cars and either new or changed over cars of the large pattern will be used in this city.

WOMEN ROBBED

WERE ATTACKED BY TWO SMALL BOYS.

LYNN, Dec. 16.—Small boy snatch thieves robbed two women in Lynn within 24 hours. About 5.30 o'clock last evening, while Mrs. Lizzie Hodges was going to her home in Ellis place, a crowd of small boys followed her on Silsbee street, and as she turned into the place one of them, not over 12 years of age, rushed up to her, snatched her handbag and run before she could get any description of him. In the bag was her pocketbook, containing a small sum of money and other valuables.

Monday evening a woman named Holmes, residing on Broad street, Holmes, residing on Broad street, Lynn, was "held up" by a 12-year-old boy at the corner of Washington and Oxford streets, who grabbed her handbag and disappeared in the crowd. This bag contained a small sum of money.

DEATHS

SHALLOO—Mrs. Sarah Shalloo, nee O'Donnell, aged 23 years, died yesterday at her home in Billerica. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband Dennis, and three sons.

The funeral will take place tomorrow morning at nine o'clock when a high mass of requiem will be celebrated at St. Andrew's church, North Billerica.

SHEPARD—Died December 16, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Shepard, at the home of Mr. George W. Fisk, 246 Appleton street. The deceased was 79 years and 10 months of age.

VETERAN ACTOR IS DESTITUTE.

ALAMEDA, Cal., Dec. 16—Suffering from rheumatism and practically destitute, William Lansing, who was once a popular actor playing in leading roles with Edwin Booth, has been moved to the county infirmary.

The Washington Savings Institution

DEPOSITS

$1,200,000.00

265 Central Street
Lowell, Mass.

THREE PERISHED

Mother and Children Burned to Death

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 16.—James Crasby's wife and daughter Grace, the latter aged 13, were burned to death in their home in this city early today while a son, James, is missing and is believed to also to have perished.

The members of the family were asleep when the fire started from the kitchen stove and were not aroused until neighbors broke in the door.

HOLY ORDERS

WILL BE RECEIVED BY MANY APPLICANTS FRIDAY.

On Friday morning next at the Cathedral in Boston the following named will receive holy orders:

Priesthood—Michael F. Creedon, John F. Deignan, James Higgins, Francis E. Rogers, Edmund D. Daly, Charles A. O'Brien, John J. Sheehan, John B. Condon, for the archdiocese of Boston, and William H. O'Malley, Patrick F. O'Malley, James W. McGrath, William J. Morin, diocese of Springfield.

Deacons—John F. Burns, Edward J. Carey, James F. Hanley, Frederick J. Allchin, Edward A. Costello, Edward F. Crowley, Michael J. Duffy, William B. Finigan, Edward J. Fraher, Walter Gill, Dennis J. Maguire, Edward P. Murphy, John J. O'Brien, William F. Toohig, William T. Walsh, John F. Walsh, for archdiocese of Boston, and James J. Maginnis, Hartford diocese; Joseph P. Coleman and Camille Villiard, diocese of Providence.

Sub-deacons—Thomas F. McHugh, James A. Donnelly, George H. Quigley, William Duffy, for Boston archdiocese.

Today, at chapel of St. John's seminary, Brighton, orders were conferred on the following named:

Sub-deacons—Frederick J. Allchin, Edward A. Costello, John J. O'Brien, Joseph P. Coleman, archdiocese of Boston.

Minor orders—For Boston archdiocese, T. James Hurley, William J. O'Connell, Daniel J. O'Connor, Joseph P. Lynch-Earley, William T. Curry, Dennis J. Lynch, Walter J. Roche, and for the diocese of Hartford, Conn., Michael J. Ryan.

Tonsure—George A. Gately, John C. Buckley, James E. McCarthy and Timothey J. O'Connor of the archdiocese of Boston.

LOUD APPLAUSE

FOR CO-RESPONDENT IN A DIVORCE SUIT.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Applause for a co-respondent is not a common occurrence in divorce court proceedings, but it was heard yesterday when Maj. Studdart concluded his speech in his own defence in the course of the hearing of the suit brought by David Bispham, the operatic singer, against his wife. Maj. Studdart spoke for upward of an hour. Referring to the manner in which he claimed the case against him had been got up, the major said: "Every one has heard of the manner in which an unsuccessful plunger will take up a race card, and at haphazard, pick the name of some horse on it to back. In the same way," continued Maj. Studdart, "this gambler of his wife and family, Mr. Bispham, seems to have taken up the calendar for 1898, shut his eyes, and marked certain dates on which to make his charges."

Of the diamond ring which he gave to Mrs. Bispham, to take charge of for him, he said a friend had advised him to get it back. "But I was not going to rush off and demand that ring," continued Maj. Studdart. "I will never demand that ring. Mrs. Bispham can keep that ring, if she chooses, as a mark of my confidence in her innocence. By heavens, she shall keep it, and my learned friend can put what construction he likes on it."

The case was not concluded when court rose for the day.

BRYAN'S DAUGHEER

CANNOT BE LOCATED BY HER FRIENDS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 16—Friends in this city of William H. Leavitt and his bride, who was Ruth Bryan, are wondering as to the whereabouts of the young couple. When last heard of they were leaving Clinton for this city, where they expected to spend several days with the family of Col. Thomas J. Atkins, the newly appointed sub-treasurer.

Mr. Leavitt and his bride were in a runaway at Humansville and the bridegroom sustained a sprained ankle. He said a few days later that he thought it would be best to go to his home in Newport to have his ankle treated by the family physician. Soon thereafter, however, came the news that Miss Minnie Cook of Newport was seriously considering whether she would institute a damage suit against him for breach of promise.

Just where the young couple are now is a mystery. They are said to have passed through St. Louis one night recently, remaining only one train to another. They have not since been heard of, though they should already have arrived at Newport, if that were indeed their destination.

MRS. DANIEL MANNING

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WORLD'S FAIR BOARD.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16 Mrs. Daniel Manning of Albany, N. Y., was today elected president of the world's fair board of lady managers vice Mrs. James L. Blair, resigned. She received 13 out of 15 votes.

Mrs. Manning had no opposition. She was nominated by Helen Gould, who made a short speech reviewing her qualifications. A resolution was adopted calling on the national commission to suspend the rule limiting the number of members of the board to 21 so as to elect an additional member, presumably a St. Louis lady.

TO FIX WAGE SCALE.

LONDON, Dec 16—In consequence of the reduction of wages by the United States steel corporation, the Scotch steel makers are negotiating with the view of fixing selling prices and amending the wage schedule.

ALL EMPLOYES AFFECTED.

ELMIRA, New York, Dec. 16—Announcement was made at the local plants of the Empire Bridge company today that every employe from General Manager Lewis down would be affected by the general economy plan of the United States steel corporation, which will go into effect Jan. 1. There are about 150 employes.

The condition of Mr. Edward McKeon, a popular young man of ward five, who has been confined for some time to a local hospital with illness, is reported as improved.

SPECIAL NOTICES

GORDON & BERGERON, dealers in jewelry, watches and diamonds on instalments, have opened an office at 44 Central street.

DOLLS—You will want one soon; we have a nice display; come in and get one; also double stamps given; prices low. Dickson's Tea Store, 68 Merrimack St.

THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

BOSTON & MAINE R. R.

Corrected to October 12, 1903. Trains leave Merrimack street depot, Lowell, as follows.

For Boston, 5.13, 6.22, x6.42, *7.45, *8.50, *9.40, 11.00 a. m.; 1.40, 4.25, x5.14 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.46 a. m.

Trains leave Middlesex street station, Lowell, as follows:

For Boston, 5.46, 6.28, *6.39, x6.45, w6.50, 7.01, *7.21, 7.31, *7.48, w*8.40, *8.57, w9.25, *9.50, w10.50, 11.05, *11.43 a. m.; w12.05, 12.11, w12.45, 1.41, *1.56, w2.30, x3.03, w*3.10, *3.47, w3.55, 4.25, w5.06, 5.22, x5.43, w*6.15, *6.22, w7.00, 7.29, w9.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 6.39, 7.24, w9.15, 8.48, 9.20 a. m.; w12.05, w4.15, 4.25, w5.30, 5.58, w8.00 p. m.

For Lawrence, 6.28, w6.50, z7.31, w8.30, w9.25, w10.50 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, w2.50, w3.55, w5.06, w6.15, w7.00, w9.25, wq11.25 p. m. Sundays, w8.18 a. m.; w12.05, w5.30 p. m.

For Salem, Mass., 7.31 a. m.; w12.05, 1.28, a2.50, a3.55, w5.06, 5.28 p. m.

For Haverhill, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30, 9.25, 10.50 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, w3.55, w5.06, 6.15, 7.00, 8.25, q11.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.15 a. m.; 12.05, 5.30 p. m.

For Newburyport, Amesbury and Portsmouth, 6.28 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 6.15 p. m.

For Exeter and Dover, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 2.30, 3.55, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Rochester and Alton Bay, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Somersworth, N. H., Saco, Old Orchard and Portland, 6.28, 6.50, z7.31, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 3.55 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Augusta, Bath, Waterville, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Lewiston, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 12.05, 5.06 p. m.

For Skowhegan, 8.30 a. m.

For Bangor, Belfast and Rockland, 6.28, 8.30 a. m.; 5.06 p. m. SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For St. John, N. B., Halifax, N. S., 5.06 p. m. (5.06 does not run Saturdays.) SUNDAYS, 5.30 p. m.

For Eastport and St. John (via steamer from Portland,) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12.05 p. m.

For Castine, Deer Isle, Sedgwick, Bar Harbor, Jonesport, Machiasport (via steamer Frank Jones from Portland,) Tuesday and Friday at 5.06 p. m.

Last trip of season Oct. 30, 1903.

For Woburn, 6.28, 7.01, *7.48, 11.05 a. m.; 1.44, 4.25 p. m. SUNDAYS, 8.48 a. m.; 4.25, 5.58 p. m.

For Ayer Junction, Stations on W. N. & P. and Fitchburg divisions, 7.07, 11.55 a. m.; 6.01 and 5.42 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2.15 p. m.

For Stations on W. N. & P. division, Nashua to Portland, Me., 9.03 a. m.; (3.40 p. m. to Rochester only.)

For Amherst, Milford and Wilton, 9.03 a. m.; 1.00, 3.40, 5.39 p. m. SUNDAYS, 2 p. m.

For Greenfield, Peterboro, Bennington, Hillsboro and Keene, 9.03 a. m.; 3.40 p. m. SUNDAYS, to Hillsboro, 2 p. m.

For Nashua, Manchester and Concord, 7.30, 9.03, 9.39, *10.39, a. m.; *12.09, 1.09, *1.33, 3.40, *5.39, 6.27, *8.10, *9.10 p. m. SUNDAYS, 10.02 a. m.; 2.00, 6.02, *8.10, *9.10 p. m.

For Franklin, Lebanon, White River Junction, 7.30, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *1.39 (to Franklin only,) 5.10, *b8.10 p. m.

For Warner, Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, (N. H.,) Claremont and Claremont Junction, 7.30 a. m.; 1.39 p. m.

For Stations on White Mt. Division, 9.39, *10.39 a. m.; 1.39 p. m. (5.39 p. m. to Plymouth); *b9.10, 9.24 p. m.

For St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, via Wells River, *10.39 a. m.; *1.33, *b9.10 p. m.

For Montpelier, Essex Junction, Burlington, St. Albans, St. Johns and Montreal via Central Vermont line, *9.39 a. m.; *12.09, *b8.10 p. m.

For Montreal and Quebec, via Montreal and Boston Air line, *10.39 a. m.; *b9.10 p. m.

QUEBEC EXPRESS, via Plymouth and Sherbrooke, *10.39 a. m.; *9.10 p. m. (daily except Saturdays.

References:
aVia Wakefield Junction.
*Express. bDaily.
qWednesdays and Saturdays only.
wVia Western Division.
xVia Bedford, zVia Wilmington Junc.

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THREE GOOD HUSTLERS wanted; must be ambitious men; who will work for promotion; experience not necessary; salary and commission; come at once. Apply 13 Merrimack square, room 1.

WANTED—A girl 16 or 17 or middle-aged woman to assist in housework and care of children. Mrs. Snow, Tolman avenue, second house on left.

WANTED—Protestant girl for general housework. Apply to 239 Stevens street, just off Westford street.

FREE Six handsomely decorated tea cups and saucers, also beautifully dressed dolls and watches, etc., for selling only 15 10c packages of perfumery. Lowell Perfume Co., box 591, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—At once, an experienced girl for housework in small family. Apply at 167 Sixth street, corner of Vernon.

WANTED—A cook for boarding house. Apply 312 Market street.

TABLE GIRL wanted. 92 John street.

WANTED—100 boys and girls to sell 20 waxing pads at 10c a package and receive a pair of club skates free of charge. Send name and address to Laundry Specialty Co., 38 Proctor street, South Framingham, Mass.

WANTED—A housekeeper, very little work. Apply Mr. Wilson, 37 Court street, Ayer City.

WANTED Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 713 Suffolk street.

WANTED—Men everywhere; good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs etc.; no canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

WANTED

WANTED—To borrow $200 on personal property, good security, at reasonable rate; no brokers. Address D. 3, Sun office.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name, age and address to P. O. box 369, Lowell, Mass.

DRESSMAKER would like a few engagements by day or week or would take work home. Call between 7.30 and 9 p. m. 161 Warren street.

WANTED—Washing and ironing; first class work done by colored woman; taken home. Call at 104 Washington street.

WANTED—Sewing or repairing of all kinds; will go out by the day. Call or address 8 Cedar street.

WANTED—You to know that we give a beautiful quartered oak rocker, cobble bottom or velour seat, with $3 order tea, coffee, extracts, baking powder. Herrick Tea Co., 810 Central street. Makes beautiful Christmas present.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND A pocketbook containing small sum of money. Owner can have by calling at 211 Church street.

LOST—Wednesday noon between 10th street and 141 Merrimack street, a German silver chatelaine bag containing small sum of money. Reward at 8 West 11th street.

FOUND—Gold locket. Owner can have by proving property and paying advertisement at this office.

LOST—A grey fur glove between Central and Market streets. Return to T. Gray, 19 Tolman avenue, and receive reward.

LOST—On Tuesday, a lady's gold watch between O'Donnell & Gilbride's store and Alder street. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Sun office.

FOUND—Chatelaine bag containing money and keys. Owner may get by proving ownership and paying for adv. at 241 Moody street.

LOST—A side bag containing money, keys and other articles. Return to Sun office and receive reward.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Double house on Elm street, must go; terms easy. Call at once at 9 Elm street or lose it.

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 8500 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter street. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 241 Central street.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Position by experienced stenographer, also knowledge of single entry. Address S., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation in private family or with doctor; will work reasonable for the winter. S. E. W., Sun office.

WANTED—By a young man, position as clerk in an office, with chance of advancement. Address Perseverance, Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by respectable young lady at housework in small family. Address A. R. A., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

WANTED—Situation at general housework in boarding house or for private family by capable and experienced young woman. Inquire Sun office.

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FOR SALE—Cottage house in Belvidere. All modern improvements, including furnace heat; good lot of land. Price $1700.

FOR SALE Fine residence and stable in the Highlands, near street cars, all modern conveniences. Price and terms right.

TO RENT—Five-room tenement on Barclay street, $10.50. Small tenement on East Pine street, $9. Eight-room house, $12. Tenement and stable, Walker street, $15. Fine residence on Dover street, $25.

HOW WOULD a 12 acre farm, with one set of buildings, suit you? Low price, $50 down. Buildings alone cost more than the price asked. This is a bargain.

FOR SALE A nice little confectionery and cigar store; low rent; good trade; price very low.

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FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $300, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—New range, open grate, chamber set, also other new furniture, cheap. 161 Warren street.

FRESH FISH of all kinds in season at low prices; oysters, clams, also salt fish of various kinds. 34 North street.

FOR SALE—Wood in large or small lots at the lowest possible prices. P. Cogger, 438 Riverside street. Telephone 452-3.

FOR SALE—A lady wishes to sell some new silverware. Address C. J., Sun office.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Furnished boarding house full of boarders. Inquire at Sun office.

FOR SALE—Carrots for horses by the barrel. C. H. Cutter, 604 Mammoth road, Dracut. Telephone connection.

FOR SALE—Restaurant doing a good business; a good investment; ill health the cause for wishing to sell. Call at 60 Gorham street.

FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of seven years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. R. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 85c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 153 Merrimack street.

MISCELLANEOUS

$5 GIVEN AWAY—$5 worth of trading stamps given away with 1 lb. of our best Baking Powder at 60c; $5 worth with one pound of any kind of our 50c or 60c Tea; $2 worth with one pound of our famous 35c Coffee; this tea and coffee is worthy of attention; they are the best ever offered for the money. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., 337 Thorndike street, Davis square.

WHITE SEWING MACHINES, 376 Bridge St.—The Automatic drop machine is King; it is a real eyeopener; we sell the Queen also; we repair all kinds of sewing machines; give us a call.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 36 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything is the latest.

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SICKNESS INSURANCE—The U. S. Casualty Co. insures your health; costs $1.50 a year; pays $7 a week for 5 weeks; covers 25 diseases. For particulars call at agency, 62 Floyd street.

W. S. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

MADAME LENORE, clairvoyant and card reader, 71 Tyler street. Ladies 25c, gentlemen 50c. Hours 10 a. m. to 12 and 2 to 10 p. m.

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DRESS GOODS REMNANTS, cheap, from the Merrimack Woolen mills, Corner store, Lakeview avenue and Pleasant street, Navy Yard.

HORSEMEN, ATTENTION—We are now prepared to shoe your horses in the most satisfactory and scientific manner, especially horses lamed by incorrect shoeing, at the reasonable low price of 4 new shoes for $1.00; we also keep in stock a line of hand-made shoes turned by L. J. Padien at the Fair Grounds shoeing forge, 1051 Gorham street, Lowell, Mass.

PIANO OR ORGAN LESSONS at your home, special pains taken with children or advanced pupils; will accompany any instrument for entertainments; years of experience. Mabel Randall, Chelmsford Centre.

STOVES—New and second hand, bought, sold and exchanged. Reliable Furniture Co., 105 Middlesex street.

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SAVE MONEY by buying your wall papers and having your paperhanging done at D. Baker & Co.'s, 150 Gorham St. We will paper your room with gilt paper for $2. Good workmanship guaranteed; send postal, will call with samples.

NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

LADIES—Dr. LaFranco's Compound gives positive relief; powerful combination; used by 200,000 women; price 25 cents; druggists or by mail. Address LaFranco & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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GREAT opportunity offered: $1000 for $150, 500 for $55. For particulars write American Oil & Coal Co., Seattle, Wash.

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PAWNBROKER—Money to loan; money loaned on all valuable articles, clothing; rates reasonable. A Stein, 343 Middlesex street, Lowell, Mass.

MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office, (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants, and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

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MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers hall.

TO LET

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 364 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 81 Chestnut street.

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TO LET—Furnished rooms from 75c upwards at 76 and 78 Tyler street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 691 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 355 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 15 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 912 Middlesex St.

TO LET—Stable. Inquire 56 Franklin street.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

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SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

We are glad to note that the superintendent of police has expressed determination to continue the enforcement of the no-license law until the first of May.

One cannot help remarking every time there is a contest between Harvard and any other college, be it football, rowing or other athletic sports the majority of people in this section are against Harvard. They openly express the hope that Harvard will be defeated, and when she meets defeat, as she usually does, there is great jubilation all over New England. Why is this? There must be something wrong with Harvard when it has no sympathy at home or very little abroad.

It used to be a standing joke on the fashionable dudes that they did not pay their tailor bills, but if half we hear about swell dressed ladies who promenade our streets in the richest of gowns that have not been paid for is true then the joke has passed from the dude to the society belle. The pitiful tales which some dressmakers tell about bills that are owed them by ladies who are supposed to have money enough to pay for what they wear would make interesting reading. It is rumored, however, that a great number of them will find their way into the public prints through court proceedings. There are several ways of living beyond one's means, but the meanest of all is to wear clothing that is not paid for.

WHAT CANADA NEEDS.

The Canadians are raising a great rumpus over the little strip of territory which John Bull recently ceded to the United States after a hearing before a competent arbitration tribunal. It is very unfortunate for Canada that John Bull did not cede the entire dominion to Uncle Sam. It would be the best thing that could possibly happen to Canada, and some day either by diplomacy, revolution or the pressure of trade, Canada will become United States territory. The Canadians have one of the finest undeveloped wheat growing tracts in the world, and if this territory were within the limits of the United States it would be yielding wheat enough to feed half the civilized world before this time. There are undeveloped mineral deposits in Canada that have not been worked because of oppressive conditions existing between Canada and the imperial government. All this mineral and agricultural wealth is waiting for the enterprise and capital of the progressive American. It will come sooner or later, and Canada will be prosperous and will have no occasion to quarrel with the mother country over the cession of an insignificant strip of land.

THE DUMMER STREET EXTENSION.

It is to be hoped that the city council will lay aside all personal considerations and treat the proposed Dummer street extension purely on its merits. The first consideration should be that of public convenience. Unless it is shown there is a real necessity for this extension it should be defeated. Even though we had a large surplus in the city treasury there are many other public improvements we should consider long before we would be justified in taking up the question of putting through a street where there is no necessity for it. The distance from Worthen street to the proposed extension is so short that it must be quite obvious to any thinking member of the government that the Dummer street extension has no standing as a matter of public convenience and necessity. The city is unfortunately in straitened circumstances financially. We are very near the borrowing limit and we tax all real and personal property to the full statutory limit for current expenses. Besides this tax levy we are obliged year after year to make large loans, to keep the various departments of the city in operation. To add to the city's indebtedness for any such needless project as the extension of Dummer street would be little short of criminal on the part of the city council. As we said in the beginning we hope they will look at the question purely on its merits without any regard whatever for the advantages which would accrue to private interests. We need new streets in other parts of the city; we need more sewers, we need more schools, more public parks and we should spend more money in keeping our streets clean and in safe condition. Indeed, there are many other things which we need but cannot afford at present. Under such circumstances we fail to see how the Dummer street extension can receive the slightest consideration at the hands of honest public servants.

THE CHARACTER OF A NEWSPAPER.

A newspaper, like an individual, must have some character, otherwise it cannot have any influence on public opinion. A man may be wealthy and even powerful, but if he is dishonest, vicious, cruel or immoral he fails to win the respect of his fellow-citizens. They may fear him for a time, but they do not respect him; they may pretend to honor him, but they are secretly opposed to him, and they hail with joy the hour when he passes away or his evil power is at an end.

So it is with a newspaper. Unless it has character, unless it is honest and sincere, it will have very little influence on the public mind. It may have circulation but that is of little advantage for as an advertising medium it is of no value whatsoever. No intelligent merchant cares to advertise in a newspaper which no one respects. A newspaper whose principal claim to public attention is that it makes a practice of abusing individuals, exploiting sensations, digging up scandals, etc., seldom appeals to the merchant who wishes to reach the respectable and responsible purchasing class in any community.

A newspaper that is read by the seekers after filth, is read by a class that has very little money to spend.

A newspaper that a man is ashamed to be seen reading and which he takes into dark corners and back alleys to read from fear that he may be caught in the act by decent people, may be a good medium for advertising certain kinds of goods, such as are bought by the very lowest classes, but it has no attraction for the merchant who advertises legitimate goods for the purpose of attracting reputable purchasers. Papers of this kind may thrive for a while by various deceptive practices, but sooner or later they find their level, and both the reading public and the advertisers in time give them a wide berth.

It matters not how filthy or abusive a newspaper may be, there is a certain class in every community that will read it eagerly and cry for more of the same kind. It matters not how yellow or how sensational it may be, it will always find yellow and sensational readers. It may resort to personal abuse, blackmail and slander and it will find in every community readers who like that sort of thing, but the paper that uses such methods seldom retains the confidence of the leading advertisers, who are the main support of the modern newspaper. They soon find out that they are throwing their money away by advertising in a paper that is read mainly for its so-called "knocking," sensationalism and scandals.

People buy newspapers to get the news and honest opinions on current topics. To thrust anything else upon an intelligent reader is to insult him, and he soon resents it. The province of a journalist is to print the news and to discuss public questions according to his lights for the benefit of his readers. The newspaper blackguard or blackmailer never was and never will be a successful journalist. To prostitute a great engine of moral progress like the press to any such purpose is a public outrage. It has never been a business success and it never will be.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Italian Shot and Killed Man and Woman

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—A quarrel over six cents, the charge for a pool game, resulted in the murder of two persons in the Italian quarter yesterday. The dead are Mary Matza, aged 40 years, and Antonio Lesta, 22 years of age. The man who did the killing is Nicholas Miyo, aged sixty years. He is under arrest.

The pool room was owned by Mary Matza, who hired Miyo to manage it for her. Yesterday afternoon Antonio Lesta, with his two cousins, Louis and Antonio Lesta, played several games of pool in the place. A dispute arose between Antonio Lesta and Miyo over the payment of one game. Miyo asserted he was being cheated which charge so angered Lesta that he seized the old man's cap and tore it in half. Miyo drew his revolver and shot Lesta through the head. He died almost instantly. The noise of the shooting brought the proprietress to the room. She upbraided Miyo for what he had done and his only reply was two shots from his revolver. One bullet entered her breast and the other her arm. She died on the way to a hospital.

FORGED RECORD

Of Marriage Claimed by Mrs. Murphy

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Evidence tending to show that a forgery was committed in the entry in the records of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic church, New York city, of the marriage of Baron August Von Glahn and Mrs. Martha McCabe, was produced in the county court here yesterday by David N. Carvalho, the New York handwriting expert. The evidence was brought out in the hearing of a case begun by Mrs. Anna Murphy, of New York city, to have the inheritance tax reduced on a legacy left her by Bernhard Von Glahn. Mrs. Murphy declared that she is the legal daughter of Baron Von Glahn and Mrs. McCabe, and that her father, while still married, came to Chicago and married again. Baron Von Glahn died over a quarter of a century ago, leaving a fortune of $300,000 in real estate.

By the evidence of Mr. Carvalho the defense attempted to show that the entry on the records was in the handwriting of Mrs. Murphy and that it was a forgery and that the charge that Baron Von Glahn had led a dual life was false. A number of letters which had been written by Mrs. Murphy were produced and Carvalho declared in his opinion that the writer of the record and the letters were the same person.

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CAKE or BREAD

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26 MERRIMACK SQUARE.

CAUGHT IN ACT

Brown Student Robbed Other Students

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—Ralph E. Bancroft of Stoneham, Mass., a freshman in Brown university, was detected yesterday afternoon in the act of stealing money from a pair of trousers hanging in the locker room of the gymnasium at the university. After some questioning Bancroft admitted that he had stolen various sums aggregating about $75. He was arrested by members of the local detective department.

Bancroft in college was a quiet man and apparently had no bad habits. He was an active worker in the Hope Street Methodist church and acted as leader of the Epworth League meeting three weeks ago Sunday.

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McKAY WILL

MRS. HARRIETT FOSTER OPPOSES ALLOWANCE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Through her counsel, G. W. Anderson, Mrs. Harriett Foster of Concord, N. H., a cousin of Gordon McKay, yesterday filed in the Suffolk probate coutr an appearance in opposition to the allowance of the will and six codicils of the millionaire inventor. The will and codicils are scheduled for proof before the probate court for Suffolk county.

When the will and codicils were filed some weeks ago, a citation was issued to interested parties to have them show cause yesterday if they had any, why the will and codicils should not be allowed. Several days ago Nellie S. Abbott of Concord, N. H., filed an appearance through her counsel, objecting to the allowance of the instrument. From the petition for the probate of the will and its codicils, the testator's two sons appear to be his only heirs at law and next of kin.

Mr. McKay, whose death took place at Newport a few months ago, left $1,000, 000 outright to Harvard and a residue of his estate for the promotion of applied sciences. Annuities aggregating $48,000 were also left, to be divided among Mrs. Marion Von Bruning, Victor and Robert McKay and 15 other persons.

Have a look at the Oriental Bazaar.

HARVARD COACHES

AN ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPING FOOTBALL MATERIAL.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—For the purpose of establishing a definite policy and system of development of football material from year to year, there was held at the Union club last night a meeting of 38 former Harvard football coaches, and after some discussion an organization was formed to be known as the Harvard football graduates association. Among those who made brief speeches were W. Cameron Forbes, Percy Haughton, R. D. Wrenn, C. D. Daly, Roland Boyden, A. F. Holden and Prof. White.

The football situation was discussed at length and it was decided that besides carrying out a definite policy the new association would attempt to settle any difficulties which might arise with other colleges and investigate the eligibility of players. It was stated that the association would act as a judicial rather than as an executive body. It was also stated after the meeting that the coach system will be continued as heretofore, and that there will be no revolution in any of the methods of the development of football material.

Although a constitution was adopted only an executive committee of six members was elected. The members are as follows:

E. N. Washington '97, R. D. Wrenn '95, W. Cameron Forbes '92, J. W. Hallowell '01, M. T. Reed '01 and Malcolm Donald '02.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Owing to the cancellation of the company which was to play at the Academy of Music during the latter part of this week, this popular show house will be dark during Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but will reopen on Monday of next week with the Indian Maidens, one of the leading burlesque shows on the road.

The show which Manager Murphy had booked for the last three nights was not considered up to the standard and rather than serve a poor show he decided to close the house.

COMEDY AT THE CASTO.

For a pleasing and amusing two hours' enjoyment nothing can surpass the program at the Casto Theatre, this week, for the comedy which is presented is of the best and brightest, and the singing and dancing excellent. June Courthope and Charles Forrester, in the comedy "A Fisherman's Luck," head the bill, and their act alone is worth the price of admission. Green trading stamps are given free with every orchestra ticket.

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The richest silks in the latest colorings and in every new shape. Large English Squares, the new Flat Scarfs and large Puff Scarfs and 2 1-4 inch Four-in-Hands, silk lined, and scarcely one scarf in the lot that would not sell for one dollar—this entire collection of superb scarfs—many of them in individual boxes—for the holidays—each - - - - - - - - - - - - - - **50c**

Tourist Overcoats

they are called; made from heavy fancy Scotch overcoatings in stunning plaids and mixtures, cut 52 inches in length, broad shouldered—and with plenty of swing and style—half belt in the back — the remainder of these lots that were $18 and $20, now . **$15**

(Some other Tourist Overcoats now down to $8 and $10.)

Little Boys' Overcoats

trimmed with Astrachan about the collar and the cuffs, closing with silk frogs; fancy frieze and Zibelines in green, blue and brown. The prettiest novelties we have in our stock—were $8 and $9, all reduced for the holidays to . . **$5**

Sole Leather Suit Cases

made with steel frames, lined with linen, sadler sewn, heavy protected corners, fine brass locks and finished with patent clasps or straps—in 22 inch $4.50; 24 inch $4.75; or lined with plush up to . . . **$7.50**

House Coats for Men

properly cut and properly made—of plain tricot, in brown or blue and in a great variety of reversible cloths; quiet dark colors predominating. A splendid selection of excellent house garments in thoroughly good qualities **$5 to $12**

Men's and Boys' Blanket Wraps

Thoroughly useful garments, made from handsome blankets, the richest from the imported handsome Austrians. These are all made very long and cut full, so that they are wraps in the fullest sense of the word.

Men's wraps from **$5 to $15**
Boys' wraps for **$4.00**

Men's Umbrellas

with distinctive handles of selected natural wood, horn and carved ivory; all made on high grade paragon frames; the coverings of fine Carola, or tested silk. Each umbrella with case and neatly boxed **98c to $8**

Silk Suspenders Boxed, 50 cents

A fascinating stock of high class suspenders for a very small price. All of the newest designs, and of excellent quality. Very handsome metal mounts—a large showing for **50c.**

(Finer qualities $1 and $1.50.)

Dress Suit Protectors

of silk or satin, with white silk lining—made plain or with plaits, with standing collars or without collars useful articles that make most acceptable gifts,

$1 and $1.50

Women's Umbrellas

chosen for durability as well as for the beauty of the mounts. The coverings of these umbrellas we know to be thoroughly good and sensible, as only those silks have been selected that we know will give satisfactory wear; this is a point too often overlooked in buying holiday umbrellas. The handles are new and represent the latest conceits in pearl, ivory and sterling silver — all with covers and neatly boxed—

Carolas 75c.
Taffeta Silk $1.00.
And up to $6.00.

HEAVY FIGHTING

GOING ON AT SANTIAGO FOR TWO DAYS.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Dec. 17.—According to a special despatch received here, heavy fighting has been going on at Santiago for the last two days, in which the revolutionists were repulsed.

The government has advised all families to leave the city. President Morales is constantly expected at Santiago. Telegraphic communication with San Domingo is interrupted and this place is therefore without news from the capital. Gen. Jiminez is still at Monte Cristo.

PLEASANT GATHERING.

The members of last season's Mohair Reserve cricket team of this city held a very enjoyable gathering last evening at residence of Hugh Rudden and amongst other business discussed was the question of holding a leap year party and it was decided to hold this social function in Highland hall on January 2 for members and their families and invited guests. It is likely the medals won emblematic of the championship of the Central Massachusetts league, will be presented on this occasion. The members of the club have received invitation to join in a body several clubs but have as yet taken no final action in the matter.

U. S. WARSHIP

MAY TAKE COLOMBIAN ENVOY HOME.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—It was said at the navy department yesterday that the question of placing a warship at the disposal of Gen. Rafael Reyes, the Colombian special envoy to convey him home when he shall have completed his mission, had not yet been taken up by the state department or navy department. The navy department is prepared to respond promptly, in case the state department decides to offer General Reyes this courtesy.

IT SWEEPS CLEAN.

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WITH a very little effort on your part the Bissell sweeper will take up all the dust and dirt on the floor and does not injure the finest fabric. Wherever it is used it makes a friend and is a pleasing reminder of the giver. The cost of a Bissell sweeper is only $2.50, yet its value to the user is more than that every sweeping day. The Bissell sweeper is a Christmas gift that will be appreciated.

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DOUBLE STAMPS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

HEATH SCORED

Report on the Tulloch Charges Made Public

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte on the charges made by S. W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city post office, against the administration of that office was made public yesterday.

Under instructions from the president, the report views the Tulloch charges "from a legal standpoint."

The report begins with a brief history and nature of Tulloch charges and says:

"The 'Tulloch charges' have never been, properly speaking, investigated at all. We have been repeatedly confronted in our inquiry with an assertion on the one side and a denial on the other as to the question of fact, with no sufficient means at our command to determine which statement we could advise you to believe.

"The tendency to evade answering these charges evinced by these replying to the postmaster general's request for such Answers," the report says, "is illustrated very forcibly by the charges against Perry S. Heath, formerly assistant postmaster general, which have been heretofore made public and his answers to them.

"We consider this answer," it continues, "altogether insufficient and no less unsatisfactory in substance and in form."

Continuing, the report says the revision of Postmaster Willet's accounts of itself is sufficient to allow that Mr. Health's official record is not to clear as to defy suspicion. It adds:

"Moreover, the confidential report of Inspector-in-Charge Smith, and the special report of Inspector Little tends so strongly to sustain some of the most serious charges made by Mr. Tulloch against Mr. Health that it is quite impossible to dispose of these charges by calling them 'lies out of the whole cloth,' especially when we remember that the confidential report is stated by Inspector Smith to set forth irregularities discovered by himself and that the special report was prepared a whole year after Mr. Tulloch had left the office.

The reasonable inference to be drawn from Mr. Heath's complete failure to meet full and explicitly accusations which charged him with many acts of doubtful propriety added to the facts appearing from the record evidence laid before us, oblige us to say that at least a strong prima facie case is presented of wilful and reckless disregard by the late first assistant postmaster general of obligations imposed upon him by the regulations of his own department, as well as by the statutes of the United States and we feel it our duty to add that suspicion of his personal integrity must be inevitably aroused in our judgment by an impartial consideration of the faults submitted to us and of his plainly inadequate explanations."

The report takes up in detail the charges of improper appointments of subordinates and improper disbursements of public funds, contained in the Tulloch charges, and after analysis concludes:

"So far as is indicated by the papers submitted to us, the persons directly responsible for these fraudulent employments were Messrs. Perry S. Heath and George W. Beavers, neither of whom is now in the public service. It seems clear, however, that this responsibility extends, in some measure, to the late postmaster general, who appears to have at least tolerated the practice after notice of its existence and to the late and present postmasters at Washington, each of whom appears to have accepted the transfer to his office of a number of persons thus employed without, so far as is shown, any protest or exposure, facts substantially admitted as to himself in Dr. Merritt's letter of June 29."

The improper disbursement of public funds receives considerable space in the report and in this connection, Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte go somewhat outside of the Tulloch charges.

In summing up the report says:

"The discussion of the 'Tulloch charges' has revealed the existence of deplorable and gravely discreditable abuses during the years 1898 and 1899 and 1900 in the Washington post office and the office of the first assistant postmaster general. The evidence laid before us suggests the possibility and even probability, but does not prove that abuses may have continued both in the department and in the post office subsequent to the early summer of 1900 when we lost sight of them and that in connection therewith criminal acts may have been committed within the period of limitations.

The persons primarily responsible for the above mentioned abuses and the resulting scandals appear to have been Perry S. Heath, then first assistant postmaster general, and George W. Beavers, then chief of the salaries and allowance division, neither of whom is now in the service of the United States.

Give Your Eyes a Christmas Present of a Pair of Glasses Have them Examined by Mr. McEvoy at the New England Optical Co. 232 Merrimack Street

We're Caterers

to the Christmas Wants of the Children

We have a larger and better assortment this year than ever.

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GREAT CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

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CARPETS, RUGS, MIRRORS, SIDEBOARDS, OIL STOVES, RANGES, PARLOR STOVES, PICTURES, SPRING BEDS, MATTRESSES, COMFORTERS, ETC.

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Remember the place.

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MIDDLESEX STREET

Any book not in stock cheerfully ordered at Lawler's.

WOMEN VOTED

ALL POLITICAL CALCULATIONS WERE UPSET.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Dec. 17.—The first of the commonwealth general elections at which women exercised the right of suffrage was held yesterday, with the result that all political calculations were upset. The struggle was chiefly over the fiscal question. The government favored protection and the opposition supported free trade and the labor party agreed to sink the question of fiscal differences with a view to securing the balance of power, which they virtually held in the last parliament. The women voters cast a heavy ballot in support of the labor ticket, the result being that the labor party won many seats.

Diaries for 1904. Lawler's.

BOXING GOSSIP

Tomorrow night's smoke talk at the Riverview Athletic club is the principal topic of discussion among the sports these days. Martin Flaherty, the manager of the club, has made special efforts to make this meeting of the club a grand success and judging from the nature of the program his hopes are to be realized. The principal event will be Charlie Armstrong and the Black Fitzsimmons, the usual number of rounds, and Kid Flannery against another 105-pound man. Then there will be other bouts and singing, etc.

Teachers' Bibles for 98 cents. Lawler's.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

At the regular meeting of the Centralville I. O. O. F. last evening, the second degree was conferred upon three candidates.

On Jan. 20 the officers of the Grand lodge will visit Centralville lodge, and upon the same evening, Lawrence lodge of Lawrence will be guests of Centralville lodge and an exemplification of the third degree will be given by a staff of past grands.

TROLLEY PARTY.

The Colonial Athletic club of Woburn held a trolley party to this city last night and enjoyed a dancing party in Associate hall. A large number of Lowell friends of the club were present and music for the dancing was furnished by Flanagan's orchestra. The affair was under the direction of the following officers of the club: D. J. McColgan, president; L. E. Ward, secretary; J. F. Harrington, treasurer.

HAHNEMANN CLUB

Discussed Defects in School Children

WITH LOCAL EDUCATORS AS GUESTS

The Club Met With Dr. Martin

The Lowell Hahnemann club met last evening at the residence of Dr. G. Forrest Martin, 45 Harvard street, and had as its guests several of the grammar school masters, High school teachers and other friends.

Dr. G. L. Van Deursen, president of the club, called to order and for the benefit of the guests stated that the Hahnemann club was organized 22 years ago in the office of Dr. H. M. Hunter and that of the original members, only Drs. Parker, Leland and Holt remain. It has extended its membership to include physicians throughout the Merrimack valley and hence its meetings are held less frequently than when only Lowell doctors were members.

This meeting, he said, was under the charge of the bureau of special senses and he requested Dr. Martin, chairman of the committee, to preside.

Dr. Martin said it is believed by physicians that the failure of many children in school work is due not to dullness as is commonly believed, but to defective sight or hearing.

Because of this belief he said, the committee had invited two eminent specialists to address the meeting upon the subjects of "The Ear" and "The Eye."

Dr. Howard P. Bellows of Boston was the first speaker and his address dealt with "The Ear." He pointed out the consideration due pupils whose hearing is defective. They are liable he said to all sorts of misconceptions. They are considered dull, stubborn and even malicious and they become discouraged if they fail to pass examinations.

Two methods of testing the hearing of school children were suggested, with a watch and with the voice. It was suggested, too, that the very front seats in the class should always be reserved for the pupils with defective hearing, and if one ear is defective, the pupil should be placed in the most advantageous position for hearing the instruction. It should be remembered that the pupils, whether under treatment or not, do not remain in the same condition. Their hearing is worse when they take cold, and the seating arrangements should be changed, according to their needs. Three or four testings in the course of the year would be necessary, in order to get the best results.

Dr. Bellows also urged the proper consideration of the child's defective hearing, by the parents, and gave suggestions as to care and treatment.

Dr. David W. Wells of Boston, an eminent eye specialist, was the next speaker. In opening he spoke of the evolution of the eye. In regard to the eyes of school children he said that work in this line was begun in Germany 50 years ago, and from statistics compiled in that time it has been learned that from 15 to 30 per cent. of all school children have defects that seriously interfere with their proper instruction. Nearsightedness increases as school years advance and is preventable in many cases with proper attention.

Teachers often fail to understand a child's condition and put him down as "stupid," but in reform school it is found that a large percentage of the inmates have defective sight or hearing.

The ideal method of obviating these difficulties, he said, would be to engage an oculist, but as public opinion is not quite ripe for that the examination can be made by charts and reports.

An examination of school children at Hyde Park showed 30 per cent. with defective vision. He thought the time was not ripe for a state law compelling this work to be done. A good deal of volunteer work must be done first. The movement, at any rate, should come from the educators, and not from the physicians. There are certain essentials necessary to success, but where these essentials are secured, the plan as outlined is perfectly practicable. It is necessary to have an enthusiastic superintendent, and this, the speaker said, Lowell certainly possesses. The next essential is the conversion of the school board, to the belief that this is the proper thing to do. The cooperation of parents is also necessary.

Dr. Wells closed by reading, as a suggestion for the overcoming of all these possible obstacles, the poem by Charlotte Perkins Stetson, entitled "The Obstacle."

Supt. Whitcomb spoke briefly and refreshments and a social hour followed the speaking.

IRON-OX Tablets For the Bowels.

Not purgative nor cathartic, but gently laxative and tonic. For sale by druggists 25 cents.

1000 Full Size Bottles of Crest-All (No-Cold, No-Cough) Given Away Absolutely Free at the Zopher Drug Store Central Cor. Middlesex Sts.

To the first 1000 men and women who apply at our store on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18th and 19th, will be given a FULL SIZE bottle of CREST-ALL (no-cold-no-cough) free. We, the undersigned, heartily recommend the same to all who need such a remedy. Charles Trombly, President and William Sturtevant, Treasurer of the Zopher Drug Co. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass., sole proprietors.

Desk blotters with silver corners. Lawler's.

FRANKLIN CLUB

WINS THE DEBATE WITH MEN'S LEAGUE.

A public debate between the Benjamin Franklin Debating society and the Men's league of the First Congregational church of Dracut, was held at the church last night. This was the first open debate of the season of the local club, while it was the first ever held by the Dracut organization. There was a large and appreciative audience to enjoy the debate and the decision which was in favor of the Franklin Debating society was received with general satisfaction.

The winning team was composed of Messrs. Addison E. Avery, Winfred C. McIntyre and Harold Caverly. The speakers for the Men's League were Messrs. George H. Stevens, Harry Mozley and Peter Bolton.

The debate was upon the single tax question and the subject was worded, "Resolved: That all taxes should be abolished save one single tax levied or the value of land irrespective of the improvements in or on it." The Lowell boys upheld the negative.

The popular games of Pit and Flinch Lawler's.

J. E. Searle, draftsman of the Lowell machine shop, is to leave their employ, after having served them for over ten years.

O'DONNELL & GILBRIDE COMPANY

Suggestions for Christmas Presents From Various Depts. of Our Mammoth Store

The Broadest, Best, Most Complete Stocks at Attractively Low Prices. Double Stamps Every Day This Week and Saturday Evening. In Addition to Double Stamps Several Departments Will Give Extra Stamps to Purchasers Friday and Saturday. Read the Extra Stamp Offers in Glove, Men's Furnishing, Handkerchief, Umbrella and Waisting Departments. You May Buy Here With the Firm Assurance That You Are Selecting from the Best That Money, Brains and Intelligent Buying Can Procure.

Handkerchiefs for Men, Women and Children

Thousands of Dozens in Silk, Linen and Swiss at Attractively Low Prices.

Ladies' Plain, all Linen, Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	5c to 50c Each
Ladies' fancy hemstitched, embroidered, scalloped or lace edges	10c to $5.00 Each
Silk Malta Lace Handkerchiefs	$1.00 to $5.00 Each
French Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs	50c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Boxes of 6 Handkerchiefs in a box	75c to $8.00 per Box
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs	12½ to 50c Each
Men's plain, all linen, hemstitched Handkerchiefs	5c to 75c Each
Men's Jap Silk Handkerchiefs	25c to $2.00 Each

An Extra Stamp Offer from Handkerchief Dept. Friday and Saturday.

All persons buying Handkerchiefs amounting to $1.00 or more will receive an extra $1.00 worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Christmas Umbrellas

An Immense Variety of Fancy Handles.

Men or Women's Umbrellas, mercerized covering, natural wood handles, sterling trimmed	At $1.00 Each
Men or Women's Gloria Umbrellas, fancy handles	At $1.50 Each
Men or Women's Taffeta Covered Umbrellas, plain or fancy handles	At $2.50 Each
Men or Women's Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, hem or tape edge, gold, silver or pearl handles	At $3.50 Each
Men or Women's Lavantine Silk Umbrellas, gold, silver, burnt ivory, horn or pearl handles	At $5.00 Each

Here is a Liberal Stamp Offer from Umbrella Department Friday and Saturday.

Every purchaser of an Umbrella Friday or Saturday will receive an extra dollar's worth of stamps in addition to double stamps allowed all purchasers.

Bric-a Brac and Fancy China

Artistic Vases and Ornaments	10c to $11.00 Each
Jardinieres	10c to $7.00 Each
Fancy Pedestals	$2.50 to $30.00 Each
Oriental Figures and Busts	50c to $5.00 Each
A varied collection of Masks for Mens' Dens	$1.00 to $2.50 Each
Fancy Lamps, gas or oil	$2.50 to $15.00 Each
Chocolate, Ice Cream or Berry Sets	$1.00 to $8.00 Per Set
Fancy Plates, Cups or Saucers	10c to $2.25 Each
Fancy Salads and Comports	25c to $3.00 Each
Water and Wine Sets	75c to $3.00 Each

Leather Articles

A Splendid Variety at Reasonable Prices.

Fitted Wrist Bags	49c to $5.00 Each
Velvet Chatelaine Bags	$1.50 to $5.50 Each
Leather Hand Bags	49c to $5.00 Each
Leather Chatelaine Bags	21c to $5.50 Each
Pocket Books	5c to $5.00 Each
Card Cases	50c to $2.00 Each
Cigar Cases	98c to $3.00 Each
Men's Bill Books	50c to $3.50 Each

In addition to our showing of Leather Goods we have an excellent collection of green cloth or Felt Bags used so extensively by students or professional men. At prices ranging from 25c to $1.50 Each

Men's Furnishing Dept.

The Best Equipped Department in Lowell can be found in this Store.

Bath Robes	$2.75 to $10.50 Each
Neckwear	12½c to $1.00 Each
Fancy Suspenders	25c to $1.50 a Pair
Fancy Arm Elastics	12½c to $1.00 a Pair
Full Dress Shields	75c to $2.50 Each
Lined or Unlined Gloves	$1.00 to $5.00 a Pair
Mufflers	50c to $2.00 Each
Pajamas	98c to $2.00 a Pair
Fancy Night Shirts	50c to $1.50 Each
Men or Boys' Sweaters	$1.00 to $2.50 Each

An Extraordinary Stamp Offer for Friday or Saturday.

Every purchaser of a Gents' Bath Robe will receive an extra $2.00 worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Jewelry Department.

Beautiful New Designs at Exceptionally Low Prices.

Gold Filled Lockets	98c to $3.00 Each
Gold Filled Neck Chains	98c to $5.00 Each
Monogram Hat Pins	49c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Collar Pins	25c to $2.00 Each
Fancy Brooch Pins	25c to $5.00 Each
Bavina Diamonds	50c to $10.00 Each
Men's Scarf Pins	49c to $5.00 Each
Ladies' Belt Buckles	25c to $3.00 Each
Ladies' Belt Pins	25c to $2.00 Each
Children's Rings	25c to $3.00 Each

Fancy Waistings

We have several hundred patterns 3½ yards in a pattern of white mercerized waistings in very pretty designs, put up in fancy boxes, suitable for Christmas gifts At $1.00 Per Pattern

Another lot of pretty white goods, 40 different designs, put up in fancy boxes, suitable for Christmas gifts At 75c Each

Every purchaser of a waist pattern Friday or Saturday will receive an extra one dollar's worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Toilet Department

Every reputable brand may be found here at prices that are right.

Fancy Bottles of Perfume	25c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Mirrors	25c to $2.50 Each
Complete Toilet Sets at	89c to $2.75 Each
Fancy Baby Sets in celluloid	$2.00 Each
Celluloid Puff or Soap Boxes	25c and 50c Each
Ladies' Silk Garters	25c to $1.25 a Pair
Celluloid Glove or Handkerchief Boxes	25c to 50c Each
Silk or Fancy Braid Girdle Belts	75c to $1.69 Each
Fancy Pin Cushions	25c to $2.00 Each
Silk or Gauze Spangled Fans	50c to $2.00 Each
Shell Combs, Barrettes or Hair Pins	10c to $1.50 Each

Toys, Dolls and Games

No Better Collection Anywhere. Prices Exceptionally Low.

Toy Type Writers	$1.00 to $2.50 Each
Toy Pianos	25c to $3.00 Each
Iron Toys of every kind	5c to $3.00 Each
Boys' Drums	15c to $2.00 Each
Dolls, dressed or undressed	10c to $10.00 Each
Mechanical Toys	10c to $2.00 Each
All the new games	5c to $2.00 Each
Boys' or Girls' Sleds	50c to $2.00 Each
Rocking Horses	50c to $10.00 Each
Express Carts or Wheelbarrows	25c to $2.00 Each

FANCY BASKETS.

In connection with our toy dept. we are showing a splendidly selected stock of Work or Waste Baskets from 25c to $5.00 Each

Ladies' Kid Gloves

You will find here all the reputable brands and fashionable colors including the Mannish Cape Glove in tans, London reds and oak shades.

We have several expert fitters at your service if you desire fitting.

With every pair of Kid Gloves sold from now until Christmas we will give a very pretty glove box.

Prices are $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00

Here is an extra stamp offer from Glove Dept. With every pair of Kid Gloves sold Friday and Saturday we will give an extra dollar's worth of stamps in addition to double stamps.

Furniture Department

A Large and Varied Stock to Choose From. All New Pieces.

Turkish Leather Rockers	$30.00 to $50.00 Each
Oak or Mahogany Desk Chairs	$3.00 to $15.00 Each
Piano Chairs, all colors	$3.50 to $6.00 Each
Parlor Cabinets in mahogany	$18.00 to $50.00 Each
Oak or Mahogany Pedestals	$4.00 to $30.00 Each
Parlor Tables in a variety of woods	$2.00 to $40.00 Each
Belding Hall Card Tables, felt top	$2.75 Each
Children's Rockers	75c to $6.00 Each
Children's High Chairs	98c to $7.00 Each
Clothes Poles, wood or brass	75c to $12.00 Each
Parlor Chairs, excellent styles	$4.00 to $50.00 Each
Chiffonieres in oak, mahogany or maple	$4.00 to $50.00 Each
Ladies' Toilet Tables	$9.50 to $40.00 Each
Couches and Morris Chairs	$4.98 to $50.00 Each
Music Racks and Cabinets	$1.98 to $25.00 Each

Book Department

Adjoining Cloak Department. 2d Floor.

Children's Toy Books	5c to 50c Each
Boys' and Girls' Books, a splendid collection	25c and 49c Each
Webster's 20th Century Dictionary	$1.50 Each
The Poems of popular poets in padded bindings	69c Each
An excellent collection of popular Books in roycroft, burnt leather and ooze bindings	75c to $1.10 Each
A varied collection of sets 5 or 6 books each, including such authors as Kipling, Southworth, Corelli, Holmes, Caine and Hugo	At $1.49 Per Set
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More than 200 titles in popular fiction	49c Each
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Ladies' Bath Robes and Dressing Sacques.

In Eiderdown or Flannelette.

Eiderdown Bath Robes	$3.49 to $7.50 Each
Eiderdown Dressing Sacques	75c to $2.98 Each
Flannelette Dressing Sacques	75c to $2.25 Each
Flannelette Long Kimonas	98c to $1.49 Each

Christmas Aprons

Over 200 Dozens to Choose From.

Nurses' Aprons, Table Aprons and Dress Aprons in a well selected assortment of pretty fabrics, hemstitched or embroidered 25c to $1.50 Each

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MAY BE MURDER

Rutland Man Brutally Assaulted His Wife

RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 17.—After a lively chase in which a half dozen police officers participated, Gideon Reed, last night committed a murderous assault upon his wife, was taken into custody yesterday. A charge of assault with intent to kill was made against him and he was locked up pending the outcome of Mrs. Reed's injuries.

It was said last night that her condition was critical. It is believed by some that Reed is insane, for the attack of last night appears as the work of a mad man. He would give no explanation of his deed further than say that he and his wife had quarrelled. Reed pounded his wife to unconsciousness with a club, then slashed her arm with a knife.

Ping Pong for 75 cents. Lawler's.

SOCIAL AND FAIR

AT RESIDENCE OF REV. D. B. MARTIN.

A home social and fair was held last night at the residence of Rev. D. B. Martin, 109 Methuen street. It was under the auspices of the members of the Christian Endeavor society and was like other affairs conducted by this organization a grand success.

The drawing room and music room had been cleared of most of the furniture and sales tables were placed in position. These tables were in charge of the following committees:

The fancy table was under the direction of Mrs. Emil Batchelder, as chairman, and Mrs. W. A. Chase, Miss Irene Martin and Miss Zutella Martin as assistants.

Mrs. S. L. Brown was chairman of the apron table, her assistant being Mrs. D. P. Knowlton.

Mrs. S. W. Wiggin and Mrs. D. P. Saunders were sponsers for the mystery table.

The candy table was popular under the direction of Miss Isabel Wiggin and Miss Grace Hatch.

The young ladies who did duty at the pound table were: Miss Grace Carter, Miss Stella Marshall and Miss Winnifred Trueworthy.

Crepe and tissue paper. Lawler's.

SENTENCES CONFIRMED.

The Lowell cases disposed of by Judge Hardy in the superior criminal court at East Cambridge yesterday and not mentioned in yesterday's late editions, were as follows:

Miriah Richardson, who on Sept. 28 was sentenced by Judge Hadley to six months in the house of correction on the charge of drunkenness, had her sentence confirmed.

Roland Lemay, breaking and entering, was placed on probation and restitution was made to Mr. McKay, whose store he entered.

Michael Murtagh was before the court on the charge of drunkenness. At the previous session of the superior court in Lowell last October Murtagh was placed on probation. About a month later he was surrendered by the probation officer. He said yesterday that he was going to take the Keeley cure and asked for another trial. He was again placed in probation.

Books bound in burnt leather, a novelty. Lawler's.

GOVERNOR BATES

May Preside at National Convention

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Governor John L. Bates of Massachusetts and ex-Governor W. Murray Crane of the same state arrived here last night and today were the guests of President Roosevelt at luncheon, and later at a dinner, at which the members of the cabinet, Governor Odell of New York, Senator Lodge and several other friends of the president will be present.

The coming of the two Massachusetts men is regarded here as of important political significance, and the affair was arranged through the efforts of Senator Lodge. The visit of Gov. Bates is for the purpose of giving the president an opportunity to get better acquainted, and it is thought that he will be a useful addition to his forces for a renomination among certain element throughout the country.

It is likely that the question of a presiding officer for the convention may come up, in which case Gov. Bates' name will be considered. The governor presided for three years over the Massachusetts house of representatives and is one of the most eloquent of republican orators.

The presence of ex-Gov. Crane was not at all surprising, because since the settlement of the coal strike, when his advice was sought by the president, he has been a frequent visitor at the White House, and his visit at this time relates to the management of the campaign.

The president realizes the powerful influence ex-Gov. Crane has in the business and financial centres of the country and would like to have such a man near at hand in case of an emergency.

The president already scents trouble from New York financial and business sources, and with such a man as ex-Gov. Crane close to his administration some of the opposition, it is thought, might be allayed.

Strong pressure will be brought to bear upon the former Bay State executive to take part in the campaign in a managerial capacity, and it is likely he will give his consent to the proposition.

Gov. Bates will remain in Washington until Saturday and will be paid much attention by the politicians while he is here.

The visit is also regarded as of import bearing upon politics in Massachusetts by impressing the governor with the importance and power of Senator Lodge here.

Last evening many representatives called upon the visitors at the Arlington.

A GENERAL SUSPENSION.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17—It is expected that a general suspension of mining throughout the entire anthracite coal region will be inaugurated with Christmas until Jan. 4. This step has already been announced by the Reading company and it is believed that all the other large companies will take similar action. One of the reasons for the shutdown is that the production is in excess of present market requirements.

Crepe paper for Christmas. Lawler's.

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Five dollars' worth with every dollar paid for an umbrella.

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WOULDN'T IT MAKE YOU MAD—

O THEY NEVER CAN GET WISE
SURE THEY CAN'T CATCH YOU?
EVERYBODY HAVE A DRINK
WHISKEY
WHISK

After you had stocked up a kitchen joint with booze—

And had invited everybody to come 'round—

If one of your first customers was a cop—

Who seized your stuff and ran you in?

WOULDN'T THAT GIVE YOU A PAIN?

FRIARS' LANDS

United States Buys Them for $7,250,000

MANILA, Dec. 17—An agreement has been reached by Gov. Taft and the friars providing for the settlement of the friar land question. The pope has given his approval of the terms of the settlement and the approval of the war department is awaited. The settlement provides for the purchase of 165,000 acres, comprising all the agricultural lands and holdings of the friars with the exception of 12,000 acres, including a farm near Manila, which has been sold to a railroad company, and also one sugar plantation. The price agreed upon is $7,250,000. The friars originally asked $15,000,000. Gov. Taft offered them $6,000,000.

ANDREW CARNEGIE

SAYS GREAT BRITAIN WILL LOSE SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—The Armstrong association met yesterday at the home of President William Jay Schieffelin. About 100 members attended. This association named after Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong, friend of the negro and founder of Hampton institute, carries on the work in behalf of the colored man which Gen. Armstrong began. Andrew Carnegie was one of the speakers and surprised his hearers by asserting that he believed Great Britain would surely some day lose South Africa. He said:

"It is about as certain as we are living that Great Britain will lose South Africa, because the Dutch population there is increasing, while the British are not. The Kaffirs wont work. What would Great Britain give for nine million negroes as placable and as locable as these in this country? These men give us about 11 million bales of cotton every year, and this, I contend, helps make the United States the most powerful nation in the world. Suppose a fleet of British warships should attack us. The president as commander-in-chief of the army and navy need only raise his hand and say stop exporting cotton and the war would be won. What a happy country this is to have the negro.

"My knowledge of the question leads me to the opinion that no political measure can ever save or benefit the negro. The Hampton institute shows the only useful solution."

STRONG PROTEST

AGAINST BILL FOR ANNULMENT OF CONTRACTS.

HAVANA, Dec. 17—In the house of representatives yesterday Senor Betancourt of Matanzas strongly protested against the bill for the annulment of the contracts made by Gen. Wood in 1902 with the church authorities for the rental of several buildings occupied by the government. He warned the house that the passage of the bill would be a violation of the Platt amendment and would result in humiliation, as the United States would certainly call Cuba to account, not with fleets and armies, but with diplomatic representation. He reiterated that Cuba was bound to carry out the contracts and obligations incurred by Gen. Wood while military governor.

A large majority of the members of the house appears to be in favor of suspension of the payment of the rentals while the question of the liability of Cuba for the Wood contracts is being investigated and determined.

A MEMORIAL WNDOW.

A special meeting of the ladies of L'Association de Notre Dame de Bonsecours was held last night at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Boisvert. The purpose of the meeting was to raise funds towards presenting a memorial window to St. Jean Baptiste church.

GUTTED BY FIRE

Union Station at Worcester Damaged

WORCESTER, Dec. 17.—Fire in the Union station yesterday did damage estimated at $30,000, and threatened the entire structure. The blaze originated in the basement beneath the kitchen of the G. W. Armstrong dining room and shot up through a dumb elevator shaft, reaching the roof, where the flames burst through the ventilation windows close to the roof of the train shed, 115 feet above the ground.

The station walls are all of stone. The interior was of wood and it was with difficulty that any of the wood of the portion was saved from destruction. As it was the whole building, with the exception of the part in which the Boston & Maine offices and the baggage room are situated, was destroyed.

The loss to the Boston & Albany is estimated at $25,000, and that to the Armstrong company $5000. Both are insured.

Lowell souvenir postal cards at Lawler's.

FRENCH CRUISER

ARRIVED AT NEW ORLEANS YESTERDAY.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—The French cruiser Jurien De La Gravierre, which is to represent the French government in the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the transfer of Louisiana to the United States, arrived yesterday. The United States cruiser Minneapolis, the Yankee and the Topeka entered the river at the Passes yesterday. They were preceded by the United States training ship Hartford.

PROHIBITION PARTY

TO HOLD NATIONAL CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—The national convention of the prohibition party will be held in Kansas City on Wednesday, June 29. Eight cities—Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Biltmore, Buffalo, Milwaukee and Columbus, O., put in bids for the convention when the national committee of the party met here yesterday aftefr listening for several hours to the arguments of the rival delegates. Kansas City secured almost twice as many votes as the nearest competitor.

No action was taken in the matter of representation other than that the committee will advise a change in the plan of representation at the next convention.

CITOYENS AMERICAINS MET.

The Citoyens Americains held their regular meeting last night and the principal topic of discussion was to see whether or not the organization would rent permanent quarters. After much discussion pro and con it was decided to appoint a committee for the purpose of looking up a suitable place, which would be open to members every day in the week. The committee appointed consisted of the following members: William Drapeau, Dr. A. J. Gagnon and L. P. Turcotte. A report will be heard at the meeting next Wednesday. During the early part of the evening two initiations were made and three applications received.

Souvenir postal card albums. Lawler's.

GOODWIN PARDON

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VOTED TO RECOMMEND ONE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—It is stated that the pardon committee of the executive council has decided to recommend the pardon and release of Henry K. Goodwin. The recent investigations made by the committee into the sanity of the prisoner appear to have resulted in favor of the latter.

The committee has taken its time in deciding this important case. Each councillor has received a grist of letters for and against pardon. Among these letters are strong protests as well as fervent appeals for executive clemency.

Governor Bates will not return to the state house till Monday of next week, having gone to Washington yesterday. Lieutenant-Governor Guild therefore becomes acting governor again, and will continue in that capacity until the return of his chief.

Governor Bates left the following nominations, which were presented to the council yesterday: William W. Carruth, Plymouth, special justice of the Third Plymouth district court, in place of Daniel E. Damon, resigned; Robert Ellis, East Boston, member of the state police, in place of the late John E. Foulds; Edwin B. Cady, North Adams, clerk of the district court of northern Berkshire (reappointment); Joseph T. Wilson, Nahant, trial justice of Essex county (reappointment).

BOURKE COCKRAN

WILL BE NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—W. Bourke Cockran will be nominated by Tammany Hall to succeed Mayor-elect George B. McClellan as the representative from the twelfth congressional district as soon as Mr. McClellan resigns his seat to undertake his duties as mayor. That was determined yesterday at the office of Mr. Cockran, where he met Charles Murphy.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

The regular meeting of Court St. Antoine, C. O. F., was held last night in Odd Fellows hall. Chief Ranger Thibault presiding. It was voted to make the coming installation of officers recently elected a public one.

SHOT AND KILLED.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 17—J. L. Watkins, a prominent Red River planter and merchant, was shot and killed by his negro driver, George Manuel, yesterday near here.

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Tel. 640. 36 Middle St.

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has received a large supply of holiday goods suitable for presents and before purchasing you should call. It will pay you. Remember the place.

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New goods for the holidays. One of the largest and best lines in New England.

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ON RACE TRACK

McKowen Lost the University Funds

BERKELY, Cal., Dec. 17.—W. A. McKowen, secretary of board of regents of the State university, confessed yesterday to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler that he was a defaulter to the amount of $20,000 and possibly more. Most of the money was lost at the race track. McKowen has been suspended by President Wheeler and placed under arrest by the local authorities.

Secretary McKowen's arrest followed the discovery that he had attempted to pay a racing debt with a check made out to him personally by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. This check was deposited in the Western National bank from which it turned up to expose the affair. President Wheeler said:

"From what we have thus far learned it appears that McKowen at different times since 1898 had used sums of money that came into his hands instead of depositing them with the treasurer, whether as fees or donations of the university and appropriated them to his own use. He covered this up as far as we know by taking corresponding amounts from the university funds by charging them as expenditures under the head of one or the other university funds.

"He says he has not falsified his book keeping by making false entries or in any other way. So far as we know in this fiscal year the loss amounts to $4200.

"The total amount we do not know. He said he thought it would be $20,000 or more. He had spent it on the race track."

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A Holiday Grocery of Intense Interest... ...Qualities Are Only of the Best

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REMEMBER—We give the S. & H. Green Trading Stamps on everything. Three for one on Teas and Coffees.

New Loose Muscatel Raisins, 5 lbs. 38c; 2 lbs. 16c
"Violet" Brand Salmon, 1 lb. flats, can 12c
Ginter's Special Chocolate, ½ lb. cakes 13c; 2 for....25c
"Regina" Brand Quick Lunch Chocolate, ½ lb. cans....13c
Postum Cereal Coffee, per package 19c
2 lb. pkg. Best Rolled Oats, "Echo" Brand.... 7c
Cream of Wheat, per pkg....10c
2 oz. bot. Special Lemon or Vanilla Extract.... 8c
3-lb. cans Fancy Golden Pumpkin, can.... 9c
New Mixed Nuts, 2 lbs. for 25c
New English Walnuts, lb....16c
Cape Cod Cranberries, 10c per qt.

Crystalized Orange Peel and Lemon Peel, per lb....15c
Fancy Christmas Candy, 10c lb.
Fancy Cluster Table Raisins, very large....19c lb.
1-lb. pkg. New Seeded Raisins, 11c per lb.
1 lb. pkg. New Washed Currants 9c
Fancy Porto Rico Molasses (can included), gal....35c
Kennedy's Ginger Snaps, lb.. 5c
Large New Prunes, 2 lbs. 9c; 25-lb. box $1.00
1-lb. pkg. Fancy New Evaporated Apples 9c
Nestle's Brand Condensed Milk, 3 cans 26c
Barker's Pure Cocoa, can.... 8c
3-lb. cans Standard Tomatoes, doz. 80c; can.... 7c

FRESH FANCY ROLLED ROAST BEEF ....11c Lb.

BUTTER—"Golden Rose" Brand. Choicest Vermont Creamery, a deliciously fresh made and rich table butter. Cut from tub or in 5-lb. boxes. Per lb....25c

"Locust Valley" Choice Elgin Creamery Butter. Cut from tub or in 5-lb. boxes. Our price per lb. 21c

EGGS—Choice Fresh Laid "Eastern" Brand. 2 doz. box 52c; 1 dozen 27c

Special Fancy Hennery Eggs, dozen 32c

TEAS—Perfect Drinking Teas. Right from the choicest gardens of the world. "Golden Rose" brand. Finest Garden Flower Formosa Oolong, English Breakfast, Mixed, 3 lbs. $1.00; per lb. 35c

COFFEES—Ginter's Mocha and Java. Fresh roasted and pure. Sells elsewhere at 40c per lb. 5 lbs. $1.00; per lb....20c

FLOUR—"Golden Rose" Brand. The kind that makes bread that the particular housewife is proud of. Light, fine, white and sweet. Per bbl. $5.50; per bag 70c

Our $1 Christmas Basket

Our December $1 market basket sale delivers groceries that would cost at least $2.43 elsewhere; quality and economy guaranteed.

	Retail Grocer's Prices	Our Sale Prices
2-lb carton Best Granulated Sugar....	.11	.01
1 3-lb. can Fine Tomatoes..	.15	.01
5-lb bag Best Table Salt....	.10	.01
2-lb box Best Rolled Oats..	.10	.01
½ pk Best Baldwin Apples	.10	.01
1 lb Best Soda Biscuit....	.10	.01
2 cakes Best Laundry Soap	.10	.03
1 bot Fancy Mixed Pickles.	.10	.09
2 lbs Best Tapioca....	.14	.08
1 jar Currant Jelly....	.10	.03
1 carton Best Evaporated Apples	.20	.12
1 lb Best Mocha and Java Coffee	.35	.20
½ lb Finest Formosa Oolong Tea....	.38	.18
1 bot. Special Vanilla Extract	.25	.13
1 lb Good New Prunes....	.07	.05
1 family Market Basket....	.10	.03
ALL FOR $1.00.	$2.43	$1.00

Fancy Vermont Turkeys, headed and drawn, dry picked and price guaranteed to be the lowest in Lowell.

Full line of Christmas Candy and Crackers.

GINTER GROCERY CO.

141-143 Merrimack St., Lowell, Mass.

ALSO FIVE BOSTON STORES.

Announcement

John H. Burke, for the past 25 years in the grocery business on Coburn street, wishes to announce to the people of Lowell, Dracut, Chelmsford and surrounding towns, that he would be pleased to meet them at the opening of his new store, 28, 30 and 32 Coburn street, opposite West Third street, on Friday evening next, December 18. Banks full orchestra in attendance.

Yours,
J. H. BURKE.

WITH THE POLICE

George Kitchner's Clerk is Missing

AND MR. KITCHNER IS MINUS SOME MONEY

Card Machines Seized by the Police

George Kitchner is anxious to learn of the whereabouts of Thomas Welch and he has asked the police to assist him in locating the young man.

Mr. Kitchner conducts a place in Gorham street, a former saloon, and Mr. Welch has been his confidential clerk since the first of May. Last Friday night Welch left the store as usual, but failed to return Saturday morning and Mr. Kitchner has not set eyes on him since. Not so much does Mr. Kitchner regret the absence of Welch as he does the disappearance of about $60. Thomas Welch is well known in Lowell and has always borne a good reputation. He lived with relatives in Fremont street.

CARD MACHINES SEIZED.

Five automatic card machines were seized by the police yesterday afternoon. Three from the pool rooms of Samuel Scott in Central and Prescott streets; one from the pool room of Osgood & Bigelow, 58 Middlesex street, and one was taken from Frank G. Lacchest's place, 490 Middlesex street. The police ordered the pool room keepers over a week ago to dispense with the machines and the majority of those so warned did as they were told. The officers interested in the raids were Inspector Goodwin and Officers Duncan, Corcoran, Brown and Atkinson.

PROVIDENCE MAN ARRESTED.

Sergt. Conners and Inspector Maher yesterday afternoon arrested James Nevill of Providence, R. I., on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a coat from John J. Delaney, the tailor. Nevill was arrested in South street.

ESCAPED FROM THE FARM.

John F. Cleary was sentenced to the city farm about a week ago and escaped from that institution yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon he was arrested in Lawrence street by Officer Sparks and returned to the farm.

FOUND SOME WHISKEY.

Inspector Geo. Brown called at an alleged speakeasy numbered 50 Gorham street last evening shortly after 7 o'clock and after a brief search of the premises located a small quantity of whiskey.

Bound books for boys and girls, 25 cents. Lawler's.

HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES

VINDICATED OF CHARGE OF MALTREATING PATIENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—After an investigation into the death of Adolphus Brucker, the former English member of parliament, who, a fellow patient reported, had been maltreated and abused in Bellevue hospital, District Attorney Jerome expressed the belief that the authorities at Bellevue hospital had been vindicated on all charges in connection with the case.

Engraved visiting cards at Lawler's.

GAS HEARING

ON NEW ISSUE OF STOCK ON DEC. 23.

Mayor Howe has received from the state board of gas and electric light commissioners the following letter of considerable local interest:

On the petition of the Lowell Gas Light company for approval of an issue of new capital stock of the par value of $200,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of necessary additions to the company's plant, the board will give a hearing to parties interested at its office, room 145, State House, Boston, Dec. 23, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

R. G. TABEY, Clerk.

Fancy ink stands and desk novelties. Lawler's.

DIDN'T SIGN

FONTAINE'S NAME NOT ON EXTENSION LOAN.

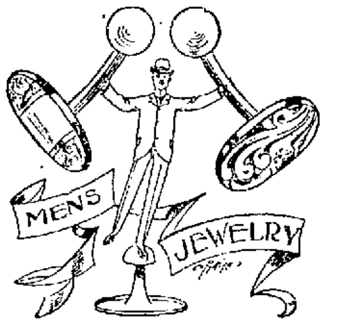
Councilman Fontaine of ward seven was absent when the Dummer street extension order was signed by the other members of the committee and hence his signature is not affixed to the order. He was reported as having signed it.

Copyrighted standard books, 50 cents. Lawler's.

HILL—LEITCH.

Fred Rowland Hill and Miss Emma Francis Leitch, both of Dracut, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leitch in Dracut last evening. Rev. F. I. Kelley performing the marriage ceremony at 7 o'clock in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few friends. Mr. Alfred Fox was best man and the bride was attended by Miss Nellie Bryant of this city. The bride's sister, Mrs. Belle Hanchett, played a wedding march. After the ceremony there was a short reception during which refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will live in Dracut.

Christmas stationery, choicest and greatest variety in Lowell, elegantly boxed, all prices. Lawler's.



Rich Pickings Here For

The man who likes unique designs in Cuff Buttons, Links, Studs, etc. There are many new things offered in the Xmas line of Jewelry which will appeal to their good judgment as well as their good taste. The articles are of superior quality but moderate prices. Gents' or ladies' solid gold buttons $1.50.

HARRIS, 10 Appleton Street

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

This Week are Double Stamp Days at

J. L. CHALIFOUX'S

47 to 59 Central Street

Beautiful Articles For Xmas Gifts

- Ladies', Men's and Children's Slippers in all colors of Leather and Velvet.
- Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas.
- Ladies' Neckwear and Handkerchiefs.
- Ladies' Vests and Sweaters.
- Ladies' Wool and Kid Gloves.
- Men's Kid, Wool and Fur Gloves.
- Men's White and Fancy Shirts.
- Silk or Wool Mufflers.
- Dress Shields.
- Suspenders in Individual Boxes.
- Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets.
- Four-in-Hands, Puffs and Tecks, Neckwear for Gentlemen.
- Collars, Cuffs, Cuff Buttons and Collar Buttons
- Arm Elastics and Garters.
- Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.
- Hosiery and Underwear.
- Pajamas and Night Robes.

Handsome Calendars Given Free

HELD IN $7500

Idaho Man Charged With Fraud

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Frank S. Hobbs of Idaho is now in Ludlow street jail on an order of arrest obtained by Edward R. Tustin, treasurer of the Greene Copper company, who says he advanced $7500 to Hobbs with which to develop gold mining property. Tustin brought suit when an agent reported to him that the supposed mine was not as represented and alleged Hobbs did not own it. Tustin at once applied to Judge Marean of the Kings county supreme court for an order of arrest on the ground that Hobbs was about to leave the city for Idaho. The prisoner was held in default of $7500 bail.

Hobbs, it is alleged, represented that with little difficulty he could take out $100 worth of ore from the properties controlled by the so-called Comstock Mines companies. He is said to have represented that there were tunnels and cross cuts in the mines and that everything would soon be put in working order, for there was a stream there which could easily supply power for a 10-stamp mill. The $1,000,000 in stock was tied up in such a way that little could be done until a working capital was raised and Mr. Tustin finally consented to furnish $20,000 and actually advanced $7500.

According to the report of an expert who later went to Idaho he found the land to be in the possession of A. T. Whyland who, according to the records, had staked it out six months before Hobbs had done so. Whyland had sunk a shaft and built a cabin, on which was posted a notice that the public at large and especially a concern known as the Comstock Mines company would approach the claim at their peril.

WANTS PEACE

ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE WAR.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—Correspondence of Japanese newspapers by steamer Aki Maru, after telling of the reported utterances of Admiral Alexieff as cabled to the effect that Russia was handicapped by lack of dockage accommodations and probably would come off second best in a naval engagement with Japan, says that although he affects a strong attitude toward the situation, Admiral Alexieff's real attitude is for peace. The Ashahi correspondent says that many of the principal Russian warships are badly in need of repairs, one of the battleships requiring eight months' work, which cannot be done owing to the unsettled situation.

The Kokumin Shim Bulletin has received advices from Seoul that Korea is about to lay the foundations for a navy with Russian assistance. A compact is said to have been made between Russian and Korean representatives for the purchase of a Russian cruiser and that five Russian naval officers be secured and a naval college started in Corea.

BOOTT MILLS

WILL PAY A DIVIDEND OF TWO PER CENT.

The Boott mills will pay a semi-annual dividend of $20, or 2 per cent., on Dec. 24. This is the first dividend these mills have paid since 1901.

Elegant writing sets. Lawler's.

POPULAR WINTER RESORT.

It has long been the custom of the tourist and vacationist, as soon as Jack Frost and "Old Boreas" have started on their season's gambols, to turn toward the sunny South, regardless of the fact that this is just the time of year when the great Canadian cities of Montreal and Quebec can be seen at their best.

A visit to Montreal or Quebec in the summer time means enjoyment of beautiful scenery, a tour of the historical landmarks and a visit to the famous shrines. But the native tone of the country is lost; one misses the hardy Canadian in his coat and cap of fur, gliding over the snow covered plains in snowshoes, or dashing along in his low cutter. There is but one season of the year for a visit to a Canadian city, and that season is winter.

During the last few years this fact has been brought more to the attention of the traveling public than heretofore, and already a great many people have deserted the orange groves of Florida and the tropical climes of the West Indies to take their winter sojourn in Quebec. One winter spent in the delights of snowshoeing, skating, hockey and tobogganing will satisfy the traveler that as a winter resort Quebec has much to offer.

This year a committee, composed of the members of the Quebec city government, the military, the leading citizens of Quebec and the clubs, has been organized. The object is to make Quebec the foremost resort in the Dominion and to make it a winter resort which will vie in popularity with the resorts of the south. A program is to be arranged which will occupy at least two days each week, and on these days curling matches, skating races, snow-shoe races, hockey games and other Canadian sports will be indulged in by the different universities.

The thought of the chilly atmosphere of a Northern winter naturally causes a little hesitancy, but once inhale the brisk invigorating air of the Canadian provinces and it will prove the most enjoyable attribute of the visit. The temperature although frequently around zero, is of a sharp, dry cold, devoid of the chilling qualities of an east-wind climate.

Quebec is ideally situated on the northwest bank of the St. Lawrence river, about 300 miles from the gulf. The city is divided into the upper and lower portions. The upper city is situated on a cliff overlooking the lower town. It contains the fortification buildings, the principal churches and the college buildings. The upper town is walled in and is entered by three gates. The old pathway which Gen. Wolfe ascended serves as an approach to one of the gates. It still looks forbidding and dangerous. A monument to the memory of the illustrious general adorns the famous "Plains of Abraham," and also an "Obelisk" commemorating the fall of both heroes, Montcalm and Wolfe.

The fortification buildings cover about 40 acres. It is an impregnable spot, and well deserves the appellation of the "Gibraltar of America." Dufferin terrace runs along the edge of the cliff over 200 feet above the river, overlooking the lower city. The view from here is perfect and is only rivalled by that obtained from the balcony of Laval university near by. In the lower city are many old dwellings and antique buildings. The churches, which are numerous in Quebec, are beautiful edifices and the interiors of many are decorated with paintings by the old masters. The "Chateau de Frontenac," the principal hotel, is close to the citadel. It is one of the most beautiful hotels in the Dominion.

Quebec as a beautiful resort, and as an ideal site for a city, first appealed to Jacques Cartier on his sail up the St. Lawrence, and afterwards to the great explorer, Champlain, whose remains now lie in the cathedral. Famous by reason of the two heroes, Montcalm and Wolfe, who succumbed on its plains, and always interesting to the reader of American history by reason of Montgomery's glorious but futile attack, Quebec needs only sufficient advertising to make it the resort of America, both winter and summer. Low rates to principal Canadian points via Boston & Maine railroad will be in effect December 28, 1903, affording an excellent opportunity to visit these cities. For information inquire of agent or send to D. J. Flanders, general passenger and ticket agent, Boston.

CHRISTIAN HILL LINE

SOME REASONABLE AND UNREASONABLE PROTESTS.

The new schedule affecting the Christian Hill and Pawtucketville street car lines went into effect this morning, and as usual there was a great deal of so-called "kicking" on the part of some of the patrons. Much of the objection seems to be unreasonable when one looks at the matter fairly. The confusion which was formerly occasioned by reversing the Pawtucketville car in the square is now avoided, as the car runs in a continuous line by the waiting station into Centralville. Formerly it was a serious impediment to the cars leaving Centralville and going up Merrimack street. Some of the patrons protest because they no longer have a car direct to the Middlesex street depot, but under the new arrangement it is possible to get to either depot quicker than formerly as the Pawtucketville car will not now obstruct the approach to the Merrimack street depot, and a change can be made in the square for Middlesex street. The time of leaving the hill is much better for catching the principal express trains than formerly so that the depot objection is a faulty one. One objection that has real merit is that the noon car which is scheduled to leave the square at 12.12 and leave Christian Hill at 12.42, does not afford the working people who are limited to one hour at noon sufficient time for their dinner. In consequence of this objection a petition was signed by several of the passengers and presented to the officials last evening. It requested that the car leaving the square be sent out at 12.10. The petitioners were pleased to find that this provision had already been made by the superintendent, and the noon car will leave the square for Christian Hill in the future at 12.10 and will be held on the hill until about 12.48, which will accommodate the working people even better than the old schedule.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

Christmas Presents Absolutely Free

The Zopher Drug Co. is going to give away Dec. 18th and 19th, 1000 full size bottles of Crest-all (no-cold-no-cough) the newest, latest and most scientific production of the age for the cure of all lung troubles. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass., sole proprietors.

QUESTION OF WAGES

MAY CAUSE A STRIKE IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A strike of livery drivers will probably be ordered today, a mass meeting of the teamsters' union having been called for tonight to order the walkout. A long meeting held last night between the drivers and employers broke up without an agreement being reached and a strike is considered certain. A question of wages and recognition of the union are involved in the dispute. A strike, if called, will compel the undertakers to conduct funerals without hearses and it has been decided to use "black wagons" in their stead. The owners of these livery stables say they will drive these wagons themselves.

Nearly 2000 drivers will be affected and half as many stablemen will be discharged temporarily to reduce the running expenses of the barns.

CHELMSFORD

The Literary Union met Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Perham and discussed the Panama question.

The Unitarian sociables opened auspiciously last evening in the vestry. The usual supper was served at 6.30 o'clock in charge of Mrs. Julia E. Warren, Mrs. Sarah C. Adams and Mrs. Bertha M. Wilson. The tables were well filled, likewise those who sat at them. The young people served as waiters.

The pleasing entertainment of the evening, arranged by Mrs. I. H. Knight, consisted of readings by Miss C. A. Richardson; cornet duets by W. C. Ward and Thomas Parkhurst; singing by a quartette, Mr. J. S. Bryan, Mr. Will C. Ward, Mrs. A. M. Warren, Mrs. I. H. Knight, and popular melodies by the company. Miss Emma L. Parkhurst was accompanist of the evening. A number of Lowell friends were present.

Postmaster Emerson has recently substituted a new section of 21 lock boxes for an obsolete pattern, and the general package delivery window has been transferred to a more convenient location.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Second Congregational church have elected the following officers:

President, Miss Addie M. Hyde; vice president, Mr. George W. Merrill; secretary and treasurer, George F. White; lookout committee, Mrs. G. W. Merrill, Mr. Elias De Le Haye, Mrs. Fred Mallalieu, Mr. Geo. F. White, Miss M. B. Lewis; prayer meeting committee, Mr. John C. Varney, Mr. Harry Whitehead, Mr. Walter Trubey, Miss Ethel Fisher, Miss Jennie Ingham; music committee, Miss Ethel Wotton, Miss Addie Hyde, Mrs. F. E. Varney, Mrs. Fred Mallalieu, Mrs. Harry Littlehale; substitutes, Miss Marion Crowell, Miss Florence Queen; social committee, Mr. Geo. W. Merrill, Mr. Walter Trubey, Mr. Elias De Le Haye, Mrs. F. E. Varney, Mrs. Fred Mallalieu; substitutes, Miss Rose Wright, Miss Gladys Swain, Miss Flora Knox; flower and relief committee, Miss Bertha Swain, Miss Nellie Trubey, Mrs. James Wotton, Mrs. C. F. Clawsen, Mr. C. J. Willstead; missionary committee, Miss Addie M. Hyde, Miss Bertha Swain, Miss Ethel Fisher, Miss Abbie Sleeper, Mr. Harry Whitehead; temperance committee, Mrs. Harry Littlehale, Mrs. G. F. White, Miss Ethel Wotton, Miss M. B. Lewis, Mr. J. C. Varney.

SHOULDER DISLOCATED.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last evening the ambulance was summoned to 109 Coburn street to remove Joseph Fuller, a man about 60 years old, who was suffering from a dislocated shoulder and numerous minor bruises, sustained by a fall. While passing along the street near his home at about three o'clock in the afternoon Fuller slipped and fell heavily on the sidewalk. The injured man was treated at St. John's hospital.

Kennedy's Oysterettes

The Oyster Cracker with a taste to it.

Read This Ad.—G. E. T.

Get are the initials of George E. Tradd, who would like to announce that he has got, for you to get, the best gifts, and when you give, what you will get, don't forget, that your gift will never be forgotten. Now let us not forget, what we can get, in this store, we can't get, in any other store in Lowell. We have no other branch. The ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 318 Merrimack street. Please don't forget the number.

TRADE MARK DICKSON'S TEA STORE. REGISTERED.

DOUBLE STAMP COUPON

80 with a Pound of Baking Powder.
40 with a Pound of Tea.
20 with a Pound of Coffee,
5 Stamps on Crockery, Glass and Spices.

In order to get this big quantity of Stamps, this Coupon must be presented at

SUN

Dickson's Tea Store

68 Merrimack Street

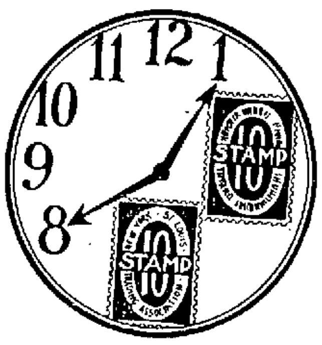
Mention The SUN

Lowell, Thursday, December 17, 1903

A. G. Pollard & Co.

Only a Week of Trading Days Left

You can't afford to put off the gift getting much longer. Stocks, however large, are bound to be depleted by so much trading. Now you can find almost everything you want. No one need be neglected because of lack of funds. A single Handkerchief will carry as much sentiment as a whole jewelry shop if it's given in the right spirit.



Double Stamps

FROM 8 a. m. TO 1 p. m.

Single Stamps

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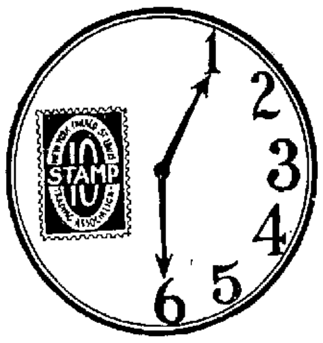

A Special Sale of

WINTER CAPS FOR Men and Boys

We have just received from a big manufacturer all his sample caps and odd lots which he wishes to dispose of cheap.

They consist of all the popular shapes and styles of winter caps—the kind that keep your head and ears warm in the coldest weather—in rough and smooth materials, with double bands, well made; with good linings, and many have inside visors.

Some regular 50c caps; more worth 75c, $1.00 and $1.50. Our price for all ....35c Each

The boys' caps are the 25c, 50c and 75c sort—just the caps for this weather, only.......................15c Each

Some man or boy will find one of these "just what he wanted."

Palmer Street—Basement.

Gift Things in the

NOTIONS

"Stocking fillers" one might call the givable things to be found in the Notion Store, needed for work baskets or personal use.

Women's Fancy Silk Garters, 25c to $1.50 a Pair

Fancy Silk Elastic, for making garters ....12½c to 50c a Yard

Needle Boxes, filled with Needles, 25c to $1.50

Pin Cushions............12½c, 19c, 25c

West Section—Left Aisle.

Another Special Stamp Offer FOR SATURDAY

Muslin Underwear Section

We herewith make you some SPECIAL LOW PRICES on Muslin Underskirts, the most acceptable gift from one woman to another. AND WITH EACH PURCHASE WE SHALL GIVE $2.00 WORTH OF EXTRA STAMPS.

FOR $1.49—Umbrella Skirts trimmed with wide ruffle of Point de Paris lace with two rows of insertion. Regular price $2.50.

FOR $1.98—Pretty Skirts, umbrella, ruffles trimmed with four rows of insertion and wide lace edge; five different patterns of wide embroideries, open and blind patterns; regular price $2.98.

FOR $2.49—Five different styles of the most beautiful laces and embroideries, unusually full and pretty. These skirts are worth $3.50.

FOR $3.98—A grand model Underskirt made of the finest lawn, trimmed with fine imported French point lace, serpentine appliques; regular price $6.00.

As we shall give double Stamps all day Saturday these bargains are exceptionally worthy.

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

Special Stamp Offer for Tomorrow—Two Dollars' Worth of Extra Stamps With Each Christmas Umbrella Purchased Tomorrow.

Here's one of the grandest Umbrella collections in New England. Even now with all the past selling we have nearly 2000 Umbrellas for you to choose from. Handles from all over the world. Odd woods, Pearl, Ivory, Horn, Sterling Silver, Gold, Gun Metal, Cloisonnais. Coverings made here in our own land; all Silks in Twills or Taffeta weaves. Helvetias, Carolas, Levetians and the rest of the best wearing sorts. The Cravenetted cloths, too, are very popular.

Men's Umbrellas, 28 inch, 98c, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00 up to $15.00.

Women's Umbrellas, 26 inch, 98c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50, $2.75, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00 up to $15.00.

Children's 22 and 24 inch, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50.

Almost every Umbrella has a place suitable for engraving, which we do free of charge. Ladies' Umbrellas $2.00 and over come to you in a pretty box.

If you buy an Umbrella tomorrow you have these advantages: A big stock to choose from, the engraving done well; and $2.00 worth of extra Trading Stamps besides those you are regularly entitled to.

MERRIMACK STREET—CENTRE TABLES.

Bath Robes and Sacques of Eiderdown

Welcome presents for a mother or sister. You'll see a stunning assortment here.

Sacques, with deep collar, crocheted edge, with satin appliqued in pink, red, blue and grey, only......95c Each

Sacques, best quality Eiderdown, all colors, with fancy silk frogs, or satin ribbon ties, kimono sleeves and wide collar, satin trimmed, only.......$1.50

Bath Robes, all colors, in best Eiderdown; big showing from $3.50 to $7.50

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SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.45	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.21	7.40	6.30	7.26
s6.39	7.30	7.55	8.55
s6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
s7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.57
es7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
s7.31	8.50	a10.17	11.34
7.45	8.35	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.56
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.57
11.00	12.03	2.00	3.01
sa11.43	12.25	e3.00	3.37
a12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30
es1.55	2.33	e5.00	5.37
s3.03	4.20	5.38	6.25
a3.47	4.30	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
es5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.08
es6.22	7.05	10.39	11.34
es7.23	8.10	11.29	12.22

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
s5.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
e7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.09	5.55
a9.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
s4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
e5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

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To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.32
9.25	10.39	10.45	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.03
12.05	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.36	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.59	5.50
3.10	4.10	6.01	7.05
3.55	5.04	6.35	7.48
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9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
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5.30	6.55		
8.00	9.05		

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THE CUBAN BILL

Was Passed by the Senate

FINAL ACTION PRECEDED BY LIVELY DEBATE

The Vote on Bill Was 57 to 18

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—President McKinley's promise of commercial reciprocity, which induced Cuba to accept the Platt amendment, will be fully redeemed in less than three years from the time it was made. The senate, having gratified itself by postponing action from the extra session to the regular session, passed yesterday the bill passed by the house at the extra session without amendments, by a vote of 57 to 18. The senate democrats agreed in caucus just before the senate met not to offer amendments and to leave all senators free to vote as they pleased. Accordingly no amendments were offered, and nine democrats, headed by Gorman of Maryland, voted with the republicans in favor of the bill, while Bard of California was the only republican who voted with the democrats against it.

President Roosevelt was delighted to learn that the long fight had been won, and arranged to at once approve the bill and issue the proclamation giving notice of the operation of the treaty, so that its good effects might appear as soon as possible. The Platt amendment, giving the United States practical control of the foreign relations and the fiscal relations of Cuba as related to the United States, and also naval coaling stations, was approved March 2, 1901, by President McKinley, who proceeded then to induce Cuba to adopt it, as it is printed, as part of the Cuban constitution. The inducement which turned the scale in favor of this action was his pledge to the Cuban representatives here to do everything in his power to secure a commercial reciprocity arrangement between the United States and Cuba, a pledge which was indorsed by prominent senators and representatives of both parties in conference with the Cuban commissioners. Some of the democrats who voted yesterday for the bill did so because they took part in those conferences. After McKinley's death President Roosevelt took the matter up with interest, and has pressed it vigorously ever since against stubborn opposition. Legislation was defeated by the opposition, chiefly of beet root sugar men, and when the president undertook to accomplish the result by treaty the senate, at the extra session last spring, would only ratify it with an amendment requiring it to be approved by both houses. This was finally done yesterday.

Although the amount of reduction in the United States tariff granted Cuba will be only 20 per cent. on sugar and the other products, while Cuba makes reductions on American products ranging from 25 to 40 per cent., whereas President McKinley and President Roosevelt both advised a much larger concession to Cuba, the president and the others who have led the fight against such constant opposition are pleased to have won what has been gained.

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A SMALL WHIST PARTY.

The whist party which was held last evening at the residence of Mr. J. A. Coram, for the benefit of St. John's hospital was extremely disappointing as far as attendance was concerned, but the musical program was most enjoyable and deserving of a much larger attendance. Miss May Riley gave a piano solo in her usual artistic way. Miss Bragg gave two readings and vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Sherburne, Miss Huntley and Mr. Boulger. Miss Harrington rendered a violin selection from Wieniawski, and all of the above numbers were very favorably received. The accompaniments were performed by Miss Ashworth, Miss Riley and Dr. Tahoe. The prevailing opinion was that the small attendance was the result of the high price of the tickets. It was very evident that some one made a blunder in setting the price for a whist party in Lowell at $1.00 a head. People will not respond at any such price even for so worthy a charity as St. John's hospital. Although over 900 tickets were issued and distributed the attendance was not over fifty. This should convince the ladies in charge that the limit on a whist party in future should not be above 50 cents a head.

Nothing better for a present than a good carving knife. The Thompson Hardware Co. has a fine assortment, 35 cents to $25.00.

Hand lace collars, Oriental bazaar.

LOWELL MAN

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It is not generally known that Wray Taylor, who is charged with embezzlement from the government in Honolulu, is a Lowell man. He was formerly a church organist and music teacher here and his wife is a Lowell lady. Taylor is now in England, whence he originally came.

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WAS A FRIEND OF THE LATE FR. O'BRIEN.

The late Bishop Bradley of Manchester was a near and dear friend of the late Rev. Michael O'Brien, whom he often visited. When the bells in St. Patrick's church were blessed, Feb. 9th, 1890, Bishop Bradley celebrated the pontifical mass.

Oriental Bazaar, 318 Merrimack St.

PREPARING FOR CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Preparations for taking care of the republican national convention will begin soon after the holidays. In fact some of the preliminaries are being disposed of now.

Acting on the authority delegated to him by the subcommittee of the national committee of arrangements, Graeme Stewart has completed arrangements for the committee's headquarters at the Auditorium annex. He also has appointed Samuel B. Raymond chairman of the Chicago committee that will attend to the local end of the work. The subcommittee will hold its first meeting about the middle of January. It includes Senator Hanna, Henry C. Payne, Senator W. E. Scott of West Virginia, Harry S. New of Indiana and R. B. Schneider of Nebraska.

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Trousers $1.50 to $6.00
Boys' Tuxedo Suits $8
Hats 50c to $3

Dress Suit Cases up to $5.50
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BROWNIES LOST

Were Defeated by the Nashua Team

The Brownies, an organization of star bowlers of this city, went to Nashua last night and met defeat at the hands of the team representing that city. The local five had everything their own way until the last string, when the quintet went to pieces and allowed the up-river boys to get away with the game by a margin of six pins. Mason of the winning team was the man who turned the trick with his single string total of 125 pins in the last string. This was the highest score of the evening for a single, Wilson making a single of 106 and Dwyer 105. Wilson of the winning team had the highest three string total, which was 291.

The Brownies had everything their own way during the first string, Wilson and Randall being the only Nashua men who did anything in the line of rolling, while the Brownies were knocking the pins down with every ball rolled down the alley. At the end of the string the Brownies were 30 pins to the good, but prosperity was too much for them and in the second string the local quintet lost the string by one pin.

The Brownies still had the game well in hand, but the third string proved to be the Waterloo, for the Nashuans won the string by 35 pins and the game by six pins. Mason, who rolled 77 in the first string and 85 in the second, was looked upon as an easy mark, but when he put up a single string of 125 in the third many of the bowlers' eyes were opened. It has not been learned whether or not he fixed the alley boy, but he turned the trick all right. The score:

Nashua: Wilson 291, Blake 262, Randall 257, McQuestion 261, Mason 287; total, 1366.

Brownies: Coleman 257, Kelley 287, Sweeney 265, Moran 274, Dwyer 277; total, 1360.

LOCKS & CANALS LOST.

The Boott mills team defeated the Locks & Canals team on Les Miserables alleys last night by 55 pins. The score:

Boott Mills: Whelen 249, Houston 251, Carr 255, Wetherbee 256, King 212; total, 1231.

Locks & Canals: Abbott 240, Grant 223, Fowler 273, Harrington 236, Mansur 224; total, 1176.

COMBINES DEFEATED.

The Belvideres defeated the Combines last night by a margin of 22 pins. The score:

Belvideres: Graves 258, McDonald 261, Kennedy 256, Bowen 249, Cole 253; total, [illegible].

Combines: Rich 231, Butterfield 235, St. Wheeler 232, Stearns 218, Conrad 256; total, [illegible].

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Ladies' writing cases. Lawler's.

RUSSIA'S EXHIBIT

WILL BE ON AN EXTENSIVE SCALE.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 17.—According to advices received at the world's fair headquarters Russia will have the most extensive exhibit which that country has ever made at a foreign exposition. The exhibit space will cover more than 75,000 square feet, which will be occupied by more than 2500 individual exhibitors.

Russia's national pavilion will be constructed on native soil and brought to St. Louis in sections and erected by Russian carpenters.

Birthday books, all kinds. Lawler's.

Percy L. Wilson of Pawtucket street, sails from New York on Friday for Rockledge, Fla., where he assumes the position of clerk at the new Rockledge hotel.

Pictorial Lowell, 25 cents. Lawler's.

Alderman Richard J. McCluskey is spending the winter at Holy Cross college and in the autumn of 1904 he proposes to enter Columbia university and commence a course in medicine.

Music rolls, all kinds. Lawler's.

The many friends of Miss Annie Tompkins of the Oaklands, who has been sick for the past week, will be pleased to hear that she is much better.

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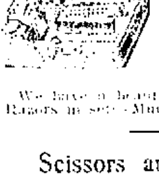

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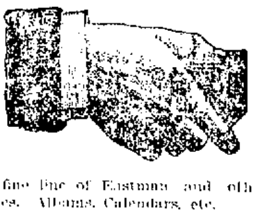

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HARRY JONES

Lowell Boy Wanted by the Virginia Police

Charged With Making a $1 Check $9—He's an Athlete and Bogus Magazine Agent—He is Also Wanted in Concord, N. H.

From Richmond, Va., a few days ago, came the somewhat sensational story of a girl, sweet 16, masquerading in boys' clothing, doing remarkable horizontal bar work in gymnasiums and jumping board bills. The alleged young man gave the name of Harry M. Jones, and said he belonged in Lowell.

The dispatch stated that not until the arrest of Jones was it discovered that Harry was a girl. The message from Richmond stated that the superintendent of police of this city had been communicated with and that he had sent back word that the girl in question was a mill girl who had disappeared from her home in this city several weeks ago. The fact of the matter was that Supt. Moffatt had not heard a word about the case until it was told him by a Sun reporter. The man who wrote the story in Richmond took liberties with the facts.

It has since transpired, however, that there was a Harry Jones in Richmond, Va., and he accomplished all that the Richmond despatch credited to the girl in the story and the police are now wondering how it happened that Harry M. Jones was suspected of being a girl.

The police are satisfied that Harry belongs in Lowell. He lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Catherine Sheldon, 100 Lilley avenue, from the time he was 2 years old until last July. He was then 15 years old and he left his grandmother to join his mother in Woonsocket, R. I. He did not reach Woonsocket and his mother and grandmother have not heard from him since that time.

Harry was exceptionally clever and was very fond of magazines. The story that came from Richmond, Va., about Harry Jones, supposed to be a girl, said that he professed to be an agent for certain magazines and that he obtained money in advance on the strength of his representations. While in Lowell Harry often said he would like to travel as the representative of some good magazine.

Harry's identity was discovered because of a telegram that Supt. Moffatt received yesterday, from the chief of police of Lexington, Va., asking him to send Harry's picture, if possible. He said that the boy hailed from Lowell and gave the names of several persons whom he knew in this city. Harry got into trouble in Lexington by raising a $1 check to $9. He introduced himself as a general agent for Everybody's Magazine and a man by the name of Burke subscribed for the magazine and gave the boy a check for $1. Harry was a little bit short at the time and he made the one a nine just to save himself the trouble of earning eight.

The Lexington chief of police said in his letter to Mr. Moffatt that the boy is exceptionally clever and he expects that he was doing a big business in that section of the country.

Close upon the heels of the message from Lexington, Ky., came a message from a law firm in Concord, N. H., addressed to Supt. Moffatt asking him about a young fellow named Harry M. Jones. The writer, one of the firm, said: "Our clients are anxious to meet the young man."

While in Lowell, so far as the police know, Harry managed to steer clear of the strong arm of the law. His name does not appear on the books at police station and he is unknown to the officers. Supt. Moffatt will make a further investigation of Harry's case and it is possible that some new developments may be produced.

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1 can Powdered Sage	5c
1 can Thyme or Majoram	5c
Celery Salt	6c Bottle
Curry Powder	9c Bottle
Campbell's Salad Dressing	9c Bottle
1 can Plum Pudding	9c
Fancy Corsican Citron	14c lb.
Mixed Peel	14c lb.
Mixed Nuts	12c lb.

English Walnuts	13c lb.
Sweet Oranges	18c doz.
Seedless Lemons	15c doz.
3 lb. can Bartlett Pears	10c
25c can Asparagus (El Rio brand)	17c
2 lbs. Kennedy's Common Crackers	9c
2 lbs. Kennedy's Ginger Snaps	9c
Kennedy's Nic Nac Crackers	5c lb.
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A sad case of poverty and illness was brought to the attention of Secretary Courtney by Dr. Pierre Brunelle today, who reported three cases of scarlet fever and one of diphtheria in the family of a Mrs. McDonald on Chestnut street.

Mrs. McDonald, whose husband has left her, was the sole support of her family of little ones, working every day in the mill until the children took ill, when she was forced to remain at home to care for them.

Dr. Brunelle who was sent to attend the family found the children suffering with scarlet fever. Yesterday the mother took ill and it was discovered today that she is a victim of diphtheria while her youngest child whose case was diagnosed as scarlet fever now appears to have membraneous croup.

Secretary Courtney lost no time in notifying the health department of the state of affairs and Inspector Bates upon investigating removed the entire family to the Lowell hospital, where they will receive proper care.

RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS

DO NOT REGARD RUSSIAN-JAPANESE AFFAIR SO FAVORABLY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—The reticence of the foreign office here has increased since the despatch of the reply of Russian to Japan, and the officials decline to confirm or deny reports of the character of the reply printed abroad. The feeling in diplomatic circles today is not quite so optimistic as it has been. It has been said the unfavorable impression apparently created on the Japanese government by the reply is due to Russia's unwillingness to place the settlement of the Corean and Manchurian questions on the same footing. Russia desires to cover only the former with the treaty, leaving the latter on a sort of understanding, the exact character of which is not determined upon. Further negotiations will be necessary if Japan insists, with the alternative of their entire suspension. If the negotiations are broken off it will not necessarily mean eventualities.

CARS DESTROYED

RAILROAD TRAFFIC BLOCKED FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

WESTERLEY, R. I., Dec. 17.—The burning of six freight cars and a caboose at Stonington Junction, Conn., was instrumental in stalling the Colonial express and two other passenger trains at that point for an hour or so today. The fire was caused by the overturning of a caboose onto a flat car, the cars ignited from an upset stove in the caboose. Because of the great distance from hydrants the Stonington fire department was unable to cope with the element, but by means of extinguishers and the organization of a bucket brigade, the fire was subdued after hard efforts. The track was cleared this afternoon.

WANTS TO PROSECUTE

GOV. GARVIN'S POSITION IN THE BRIBERY CASES.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—In accordance with his decision made yesterday Gov. Garvin today requested Atty Gen. Stearns to render an opinion in regard to the advisability of prosecuting persons in Rhode Island towns who are charged with bribery by inspectors who made investigation on election day. The report of their findings was presented to the governor a few days ago.

Mr. J. Leggett, formerly in the jewelry business in Central street, is now with Filion the jeweler, corner of Prescott and Central streets.

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NEARING THE END

Prosecution in Rogers Trial

IS EXPECTED TO REST THIS AFTERNOON

Mrs. Laura Perham Was Recalled

BENNINGTON, Vt., Dec. 17.—It was expected at noon today that the prosecution in the trial of Mrs. Mary A. Rogers for the alleged murder of her husband would rest its case before adjournment today. The trial opened a week ago yesterday. There was much wrangling between the lawyers, in the course of the forenoon proceedings today, over law points, and the admission of certain evidence. The principal contention was over the attempt of the prosecution to introduce testimony to the effect that on the night before the alleged murder, Rogers, at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Phillpot, had said that he was to meet his wife that evening and that he should destroy his insurance papers before doing so. The court ruled for the defense and excluded the evidence.

It had been intimated earlier in the trial that the prosecution expected the defense to attempt to transfer responsibility for the crime from Mrs. Rogers, the defendant, to Leon Perham, her confessed accomplice. The move made this morning, however, was the first direct attempt to discount the probable defense. Sheriff Henry Wilson of Bennington county, who was called to the stand early in the day, told of wheel tracks found in the dust of the road, when he visited the scene of the alleged murder. Being engaged in an investigation of the case at that time he made a careful examination of the tracks upon the supposition that they might have a bearing on the case. As a result of that examination he was satisfied that the track was made by a bicycle and not by a wheelbarrow or any other flat tired vehicle.

Mrs. Laura Perham, mother of Leon and Levy Perham, who have had a prominent place in the trial, was recalled to the stand today for redirect examination to clear up some apparent discrepancies in her testimony which had been developed by the cross-examination. Following this the woman was subjected to a very severe re-cross-examination. Her memory prover defective as to dates and incidents at her home after Rogers' body had been brought there, and when pressed hard for an answer the woman several times burst intdo tears. Her story in the main was unshaken.

Charles H. Potter, a furniture dealer, told of arrangements made by Mrs. Rogers previous to her husband's death to purchase furniture for a new home. She was about to marry a painter, she said. Potter said that when Mrs. Rogers first came to his store she wanted to purchase the furniture on the installment plan, but later she said the payment might be made "in a lump."

Cumulative evidence as to the relations said to have existed between Mrs. Rogers and Morris Knapp, with whom the woman is alleged to have been in love, was introduced. Sele Pike, a livery stable keeper, contradicted a statement made by Leon Perham, that he was at home on the night that Rogers was killed, by testifying that Perham was at work in the stable on that night.

The reference to Rogers' intention to destroy his insurance papers came out in connection with the examination of Mabel Philpot, who, with her sister, Myrtle, described the movements of both Rogers and his wife. The evidence rejected left practically nothing of the testimony of Mabel Philpot, but the fact that Rogers was at the home of the mother of the witness, who was Rogers' aunt, the night before the murder. Myrtle Philpot said that the day after the murder Mrs. Rogers called, saying that she had met her husband the evening before and that he had left her, saying that she would never again look upon his living face. Mrs. Rogers asked advice about sounding the fire alarm to get out parties to search for her husband's body, as she believed he had committed suicide. Finally she said they had quarreled.

"The time may come," she said, "when I'll have to tell it, and I might as well tell it now."

FORCED TO STEAL

STORY TOLD BY GIRLS UNDER ARREST.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Celia Gilson and Fannie Lewis, the New York girls known to the police as the "schoolhouse" workers, will be arraigned today. They tell conflicting tales.

Besides confessing to many thefts from schoolhouses, the girls say they have taken many articles from stores. Both girls declare they were never guilty of any wrongdoing before they were hired here two weeks ago by two men.

The Gilson girl says her mother drove her from home.

WEATHER

Local forecast: Fair and continued cold tonight and Friday; fresh westerly winds.

POLICE ACCUSED

"Graft" in Bail Bonds Charged

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Herman Froelich, the most notorious straw bondsman in this city, now a Tombs prisoner, is said to have informed the district attorney of a system by which high police officials have made fortunes on "fake" bail bonds.

Mystery is maintained in the district attorney's office concerning the information given by Froelich, but it is said that several sergeants implicated by Froelich, upon learning of his talk with District Attorney Jerome, hastened to the criminal courts building to make denials.

Froelich was arrested on Friday. Yesterday he sent word to Mr. Jerome that he wanted to talk with him, and for an hour they were together.

"I will not deny that information has been given to the office," said Mr. Jerome later in the day. "I will not tell the nature of it. At this time it is not a matter that can well be made public."

Later Deputy Police Commissioners Davis and Piper appeared in Mr. Jerome's office and the three went to luncheon.

Froelich, although arrested only last week, has been "wanted" since last May. The police of the East Fifth street station have been particularly anxious to locate him, for the desk sergeant there accepted many of his "fake" bonds.

The prisoner was alawys in demand as a bondsman when legitimate bail could not be furnished, and for a fee, it is charged, was willing to sign bail for anybody whom the police recommended.

It has been found that a piece of property the deed of which he put up in 117 cases for the release of prisoners was not owned by him at all. This property, No. 2650 Washington avenue, is really owned by Mary McKenna, who bought it from Froelich before he had put it up for the first time as bail security.

He was a fugitive from justice on another charge, having ignored a special sessions court bench warrant last spring.

Inspector Cortright, when informed of Froelich's alleged confession, was greatly interested and asked the names of the captains and sergeants supposed to have been mentioned. District Attorney Jerome will investigate the charges thoroughly, and if Froelich can be corroborated charges will be made to Commissioner Greene.

IRELAND'S ARMY

Great Britain Has Made Concession

LONDON, Dec. 17—Political conditions and religious feuds have hitherto induced the British government not to allow the extension to Ireland of the volunteer system, which has for many years been established in England and Scotland.

The matter has been often agitated in the press and in parliament, but although the militia has been enrolled for a long time and, like the Irish regulars, proved among the bravest and most valuable of Great Britain's troops, successive governments at London would not sanction a home defence force for Ireland.

The papers this morning state that the introduction of the system to Ireland has been decided upon. Twenty-six battalions will be raised in various parts of the country. Their formation will be provided for in the forthcoming program of army reform prepared by Mr. Arnold-Forster, secretary of state for war.

The last volunteer force in Ireland was raised by the great landowners more than a hundred years ago, when there were fears of a French invasion. The British government did not support the movement, and the viceroy of Ireland was greatly dismayed, although all the volunteers were Protestants.

The present sanction can be traced to the splendid services of the Irish regiments in South Africa and the improved political relations.

STEALING A RIDE

HERBERT PUFFER WAS FATALLY INJURED.

BLACKSTONE, Mass., Dec. 17—Herbert Puffer of Lexington, Mass., was found at about noon today lying on a side track at Blackstone Junction with an arm and a leg crushed, and the other arm broken, but still conscious. He was carried to a Woonsocket hospital, where his injuries were pronounced fatal. He fell from a freight train while stealing a ride. A sister, Mrs. Hughes, lives in Bedford, Mass.

GIRL ESCAPED

BUT HER RESCUER WAS KILLED BY ELECTRIC CAR.

BERLIN, Dec. 17—Miss Von Rheinbaben, daughter of the finance minister, Baron von Rheinbaben, had a narrow escape from serious injury or death today. She fell between two electric cars, but an English naval constructor, Henry Davidson of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, rushed to her assistance and in pulling Miss Von Rheinbaben out of danger was killed by one of the cars. Miss Von Rheinbaben was uninjured.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

SIX TEAMS AGREE ON A SCHEDULE.

The amateur basketball league was organized this afternoon. Managers of six clubs met with Manager Gray at Huntington hall and agreed upon a schedule. The games will be played prior to the big games in Huntington hall. Tonight the Brooksides and the Crimsons will line up at 7.30. Saturday night the Boys' club, Nos. 1 and 2, will play, and next Tuesday night the contestants will be the Warrens and the Jugglers.

TELEGRAPH CABLES

BEING LAID IN CENTRAL STREET TODAY.

Employes of the Postal Telegraph company are laying the heavy cables in the lower part of Central street today preparatory to making connections with the office.

DESPERATE FIGHT

Boston Officers and Burglars Used Revolvers

One of the Robbers Was Shot Dead—Boldest Piece of Criminal Work Perpetrated in Boston for Some Time—Watchman in Coal Office Was Nearly Killed

BOSTON, Dec. 17—In a running fight between five burglars who had broken into an office in East Boston earlier in the morning and a squad of policemen from division 7, on the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroad early today, one of the burglars was shot dead. The others escaped and it was believed probable that some of them were wounded. The identity of the dead burglar is not known. Although all five of the hunted men used their revolvers freely on the pursuing police, none of the latter was wounded. The burglars had previously broken into the office of the Metropolitan Coal Co., in East Boston and brutally maltreated the watchman and blown open the safe and escaped with $200.

The policemen who chased the robbers were Sergeant Aubens and Patrolman Hankard. The killing of the burglar was a sequence of one of the boldest pieces of criminal work which has been perpetrated in Boston for a long time. Shortly after 1 o'clock John Donovan, the watchman employed at the Metropolitan Coal company's office at East Boston, was awakened by the noise of an explosion which came from the floor beneath him. The building is a small two story wooden structure, almost at the ocean front and in a sparsely inhabited section. The concussion was terrific. Donovan hurried down the rear stairway only to be confronted at the foot of the stairs by three men, each of whom was pointing a revolver at him. He was at once knocked down and assaulted. A coal hod was placed over his head so that he could not see and then the burglars jumped repeatedly on his body, evidently with the intention of killing him. The brutality of the treatment made the watchman unconscious. The robbers then undoubtedly proceeded to remove the contents of the safe, which they had previously blown open with dynamite. Then they crossed the bridge to Winthrop. Shortly afterward Donovan regained consciousness, removed the coal hod from his head and crawling to the desk telephone called up police headquarters and gave the alarm. Half an hour later patrolmen from the East Boston station arrived at the building and found the watchman senseless. He revived, however long enough to tell the officers what had happened.

All nearby towns and cities were notified and a careful search of the marsh district in East Boston and Winthrop was begun. Two hours later when Sergeant Aubens,accompanied by Patrolman Hankard, was making a search of the barren district skirting the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn railroad, five men sprang from a growth of tall weeds and opened fire on them with revolvers. Although taken entirely by surprise, Sergeant Aubens and his companion returned the fire with the same fierceness that characterized the attack of the robbers. In the darkness the shooting was at random. At the same moment that the burglars commenced to fire they started to run toward the railroad tracks, down which they fled at a quick run. Untouched by any of the bullets, Aubens and Hankard followed swiftly, but the robbers had such a lead that the police were outdistanced. The officers retracted their steps to send out an alarm, when they stumbled across a body. It was that of a man about 30 years of age. In his right hand was clutched a revolver. There was a bullet hole in his forehead and another just over the heart. The wrist of the hand which grasped the revolver was broken, probably by his fall after he had been shot. The body was taken to the police station and later when Watchman Donovan had recovered sufficiently he identified it as that of one of the burglars. The dead robber wore old, almost ragged clothing. The only distinguishing mark found about him was on the lining of his hat, where was written in pencil "W. P. Smith." The hat had been purchased in New York. The man wore a short black overcoat, dark undercoat and gray vest, black trousers and a pair of worn shoes, the toes of which were completely gone. The finding of a number of alms-asking cards in the pockets indicated to the police that the man had been a panhandler who had deserted that career for the more exciting pursuit of safe blowing.

In the meantime a large posse was organized and the pursuit of the remaining robbers was taken up systematically. The gang was traced in the direction of Lynn, but at 9 o'clock nothing was learned to indicate the whereabouts of the burglars.

Manager Wyman of the coal company's office said later that only $200 had been stolen, although that represented the entire money contents of the safe.

Sergeant Aubens said during the morning that he believed one of the escaped robbers had been wounded by him.

The determination of the police to capture the remaining men was strengthened by the conviction that they are the same who have committed the numerous burglaries recently in various New England cities and towns.

LYNN POLICE SEARCHING.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 17.—Although a dozen Lynn policemen scoured the marshes between Lynn and Saugus and worked up through the Saugus faring district today, no trace up to 11 o'clock had been found of the fugitive men from East Boston. The district offers many opportunities for escape and the Lynn men believe that the gang turned back before reaching Lynn and made for Boston.

PRESIDENT SIGNED CUBAN BILL

WASHINGTON, DEC. 17.—THE PRESIDENT SIGNED THE CUBAN RECIPROCITY BILL A FEW MINUTES BEFORE ONE O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON.

GENERAL BLACK

Offered Civil Service Commissionership

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The president has tendered the position of civil service commissioner made vacant by the death of John R. Proctor to Gen. John C. Black of Chicago.

Gen. Black is commander-in-chief of the Grand Army.

THE McKAY WILL

NO ACTION TAKEN BY PROBATE COURT.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The probate court of Suffolk county was to admit to probate today the will of the late millionaire inventor, Gordon McKay, of Newport, had no opposition been manifested, but as appearances were entered in behalf of two remonstrants, no action was taken. A hearing will be given to the interested parties at a date not yet assigned. The remonstrants to the will which bequeathes several millions to Harvard university, are Nellie S. Abbott of Concord, N. H., a cousin of the deceased, and Mrs. Harriet Foster, a sister of Miss Abbott, and also a resident of Concord.

Both remonstrants were represented by attorneys in court today. Formal objections were filed. The court announced that a hearing would be given at some time agreeable to all interested parties.

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THE SUN LATEST
5 O'CLOCK

BURNED TO DEATH

Mother and Two Children Perished

WERE ASLEEP WHEN THE FIRE STARTED

Another Woman Was Badly Burned

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Harry L. Smith and her two children, Harry, aged 3, and Albert, aged three months, were burned to death early today by a fire which occurred in their home at Oak Lane, a suburb. They were asleep when the fire started. Mrs. Elizabeth Shellmire was badly burned while endeavoring to awaken them. The cause of the fire is unknown.

DARING ROBBERY

Man Was Caught in the Act

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The fact that the Boston post office has been the scene of a series of daring robberies in the past six weeks and that many merchants have suffered by the robbery of hundreds of letters containing money was brought to light today by the arrest of a man giving the name of James Connors. The man was seized by the police early today just after he had emptied the mail box of James A. Houston on the Devonshire street side of the post office. He had opened the box by using a false key. The capture of Connors was the result of a carefully laid plan of United States post office detectives, aided by private detectives who had been employed by Houston. The officers secreted themselves inside the office, behind the Houston mail box and there they arranged a string with a weight attachment. Sometime afterward the box was opened. The officers rushed out and seized the man who was standing in front of the box with both hands filled with letters. Connors claimed to have been authorized to obtain the mail. During the day he was taken back to the Federal building to be arraigned before the United States commissioner.

FIRE IN CHELSEA

Caused a Loss of $60,000

CHELSEA, Mass., Dec. 17.—The factory and stock of the Maine Furniture company in this city were destroyed by fire today, causing a loss estimated at $60,000. The loss is covered by insurance. A strong wind was blowing and for a time adjoining property was seriously threatened. In addition to the entire fire department of Chelsea, the firemen of Everett were called upon for assistance and they aided materially in preventing the spread of the fire to other buildings.

The fire started on the first story of the three-story wooden structure and spread quickly. Several barrels of varnish exploded making the firemen's work dangerous. Several firemen were overcome by the intense heat. The fire practically burned itself out, as nothing but ruins are left. The cause of the blaze is unknown.

RIVAL CLAIMANTS

TWO WOMEN SAY WILLIS IS THEIR HUSBAND.

LEOMINSTER, Dec. 17.—John H. Willis, aged 66, a veteran of the Civil war, was arrested yesterday on a warrant alleging polygamy and is bailed in $500 for a hearing on Saturday.

Willis says his first wife ran away 27 years ago. He waited 20 years, then married again. Wife No. 1 is now in Haverhill and is understood to have furnished Chief of Police Laselle the information that caused the arrest.

It is claimed that Willis married Emeline Hardy in Lawrence, Oct. 21, 1857, and Charlotte Stratton in Leominster in June, 1896.

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TOURED EUROPE

Entertaining Lecture by Charles J. Glidden

LOWELL'S WORLD TOURING AUTOMOBILIST

At St. Paul's M. E. Church Last Evening

Charles J. Glidden, Lowell's world-touring automobilist, gave a highly entertaining lecture at St. Paul's M. E. church last evening on "Automobile Drives in Fifteen Different Countries and Across the Arctic Circle," and the audience taxed the capacity of the edifice, many representative people being present.

Preceding the lecture a brief organ recital was given by Solon W. Stevens, concluding with "America."

Fronting the platform were the American and Swedish flags entwined, while the balcony front was decorated with vari-colored festoons and evergreen.

Mr. Glidden was given an ovation as he approached the platform and the excellent stereopticon views presented elicited frequent applause.

Mr. Glidden in opening gave the distances travelled in Great Britain and the continent as follows:

Ireland 1510 miles, Wales 267, England 650, Sweden 1540, Denmark 306, Germany 1188, Bohemia 315, Austria 627, Bavaria 295, Italy 508, Switzerland 1097, Spain 80, France 4565, Belgium 160, and Holland 240, making a total of 13,795 miles.

"To successfully drive these great number of miles, over unfamiliar roads, in 15 foreign countries under many unknown conditions and customs," he said, "requires much correspondence and preparation. Itineraries must be prepared without the assistance of tourist agencies or the numerous publications on travel as none yet issued cover a drive over the highway with regulations now in force against the motor car."

Continuing, he said: "Our first drive in 1901 was confined to England and France for a distance of 2000 miles. In 1902, the second year's drive was the longest continuous one ever made, that consisted of 5125 miles in seven countries, crossing the famous Arlberg and Brenner passes in the Tyrols, the St. Gothard Brunig and others in Switzerland, a complete circuit of Italian lakes, over Mount Turbie by way of the Corniche road and across the Pyrenees into Spain.

"This experience in motoring leads one to remark that its charms is not in racing nor fast driving, but in ascending and descending the great mountain passes over roads winding and turning in all conceivable directions above which tower snow-capped mountains. Passing along valleys and canyons along the banks of rushing torrents under silvery water falls into dark rocky tunnels, out again amidst wonderful, constantly changing scenery, dotted here and there with quaint and picturesque villages of the prettily costumed peasants, motor mountaineering leads in this fascinating recreation.

"The third year's drive in 1903 was another record for long distance as 6670 miles were covered in 13 countries and a point reached never before attained in motoring." Speaking of this trip Mr. Glidden said:

"The Arctic Circle was accomplished without accident and only thirty minutes' delay on account of a slight mechanical disarrangement and six tire troubles. The drives have demonstrated beyond all question that the automobile can be driven to the remotest parts of the earth, wherever it is possible for horse and wagon to go. It is thoroughly reliable and a safe conveyance even in the hands of a non-professional operator. Two important requisites are essential—a well constructed car, which I found in my 16-horsepower Napier, and a good mechanic to give it proper care after each drive."

Mr. Glidden stated that as much had been written regarding his three tours he would confine this talk to incidents of the 1903 drive.

"Our motor car," said Mr. Glidden, "was specially constructed, large and roomy, enabling the carrying of five passengers, a small steamer trunk, three hand-bags, and weighed loaded with baggage and four passengers, 4500 pounds.

"The drive was continuous from start to finish except the crossing of water bays.

"After attending the James Gordon Bennett cup races a general tour of England was made, thence across to England, where the car was shipped to Copenhagen, Denmark, and through that country to the north, crossing at Elsinore to Helsingburg, Sweden." The drive through Sweden to the Arctic Circle, 1540 miles, was exceedingly interesting and graphically portrayed by Mr. Glidden. Said he: "The people gave us a royal reception the entire length of the route.

"The Arctic Circle was crossed Aug. 16th and the American flag, carried from Boston, presented to the postmaster of the district."

Mr. Glidden's European motor drives have carried him, so he stated, through 4000 cities and towns and the trip was continuous through Denmark, Austria and Germany, where Mr. Anton Lang, who played the Christus in the Passion Play of 1900, was given a ride through the mountains. The trip to Switzerland, France, Belgium and Holland was vividly described and Mr. Glidden concluded his highly instructive narrative by saying: "The motor claims for its path the hills and valleys, dales and ridges, the shaded lanes and borders of lakes and seas; for its admirers, multitudes of men, women and children; as its mission, the transportation of humanity in God's pure air and sunlight throughout the entire length of the land."

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GEORGE GARDNER.

GEORGE GARDNER

Returned to His Home Last Evening

WHAT HE SAYS ABOUT THE FITZ FIGHT

He Wants Another Chance at Fitz

George Gardner arrived home from California last night and went at once to the residence of his parents where he received a warm greeting from the members of his family. George is in excellent shape and never looked better in his life. He is heavier than when last in Lowell and looks none the worse for his contest with Fitzsimmons.

In speaking of that fight he said that he did not put up his own battle. He feels sorry at the showing that he made and says that had he fought in his own way he feels certain he would have won inside the limit.

He will challenge Fitz again and has every hope that the Cornishman will give him another chance. If he does Gardner says there will be a different story told and that people will have no reason to criticise his battle.

George feels sorry for the loss some of his friends suffered who placed their money on him. "I firmly believed I could defeat Fitz," he said, "and that is why I advised my friends to bet their money. I know now that I can win from him and the sooner he will give me the chance to prove this, the better pleased will I be."

George wil start right in to get into condition for his battle with Marvin Hart before the Criterion club in Boston.

Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, $3.00. Lawler's.

PROMINENT GERMAN DEAD.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 17.—Edward Wagner, one of the most prominent German residents of New Hampshire, died at his home in this city today at the age of sixty-nine. He was a native of Russian Siberia, came to America in 1855 and settled in Manchester in 1859. He engaged in the restaurant business, and through enterprise and industry extended his business affiliations until he became identified with many financial and fraternal organizations. He was a generous man, and gave largely to educational and charitable institutions. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

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TYPHOID FEVER

Remarkable Cures are Reported

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Remarkable cures of typhoid fever patients are reported by Beth Isreal hospital, where a serum imported from Italy and Switzerland is being used. Although the remedy has been in use more than three months, it has just been made public. In that time 30 cases have been treated at the hospital which is in the most crowded quarter of the East Side. Not one of the patients died and in some instances improvement set in before the fever had run more than half its regular course. The improvement was invariably permanent and many patients were dismissed from the hospital from two to three weeks before the usual time.

A small quantity of the lymph is injected into the body three times a day; sometimes in the thigh, sometimes in the breast. The operation is of the simplest and practically painless. The injections are in addition to the regular treatment for reducing the temperature, careful diet and nursing.

Physicians in charge of the institution refuse to discuss the matter fully pending the preparation of a detailed report on each case for the use of the new serum but maintain that the treatment is still in its experimental stage.

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POLITICAL NOTES

One would imagine from reading the screeds of the non-partisan organ that Supt. Conlon's position was the only one to be contested for this year, the idea being to center public attention upon this office and thus keep it directed away from the other positions in jeopardy.

One would not know after reading the screeds of the n. p. o. that the bitterest kind of a fight is to be waged for superintendent of streets between the present incumbent, Laforest Beals, and George C. Evans as republican candidates with Edward F. Connors and John G. Bowers as the democratic candidates. The Beals-Evans contest has been carried on without let-up since the death of the late Cleveland J. Cheney, whom Beals succeeded and it has been a contest unlike those which start up after election day and end with the election of a candidate, that has been going on through the years, in the caucus and on election day. In the past Beals' long suit has been his ability to get democratic votes and last year his election was brought about by the breaking away from their caucus agreement of four democratic members who foresaw his election and desired to be the "first in out of the wet."

But it would appear that Mr. Beals has been somewhat of a disappointment as a friend of the democrats, while Evans has grown in their favor and inauguration day, unless all signs fail, will find Mr. Evans a much stronger candidate than he was a year ago when several ballots were taken. The contest has become so bitter that there is a fine chance for a democrat to slide in.

The lucrative position held down so long by John P. Mahoney in the assessors' office comes to an end with the new year and Mr. Mahoney has practically decided to continue to give his services to the city if permitted. Although no names have been mentioned as yet it is quite certain that Mr. Mahoney will have opposition both in his own party and from the democrats.

The cry is being raised against Supt. Conlon that he went beyond his appropriation, but nothing is said of the school and other departments that have done likewise though with nothing to show for the expenditure as Mr. Conlon has.

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Mr. J. J. Brady of Liberty square leaves today for Alleghaney, N. Y., to attend the ordination of his brother.

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DEMENTED MAN

Killed Warden of County Jail

RIVER HEAD, L. I., Dec. 17.—Word has been received from Aquebogue that Tuthill Reeve, the demented farmer who yesterday shot and killed William A. Hafford, a deputy sheriff and warden of the county jail, while the latter was trying to serve an execution for debt, surrendered this morning to Sheriff Preston after an all night siege. Although Reeve had fired a number of shots from the house in which he was barricaded, not one of the besiegers was wounded. Reeve was wounded by the fire of the posses which had surrounded his house.

Reeve's wounds are not of a serious character, according to the doctors who have examined him. Reeve had been in the upper part of the house all night. A cordon of deputies had been maintained around the house during the night. It was hoped that Reeve would succumb to the severity of the weather but he did not surrender until he had received several wounds.

This morning Reeve came down to the kitchen to light the fire. He was seen to pass the two kitchen windows carrying a shotgun on his shoulders. As Reeve walked by the windows Deputies Homan and Reeve fired both barrels of their shotguns. At the same time a man on the other side of the house fired into the building, also with a shotgun. As soon as this volley had been fired the kitchen door opened and Reeve walked out. He was without a weapon and he raised his arms in the air as a signal that he desired to surrender. The posse then surrounded the man and Deputy Sheriff Gordon made him a prisoner.

Reeve cannot be induced to talk about the shooting and all efforts of the sheriff have failed to elicit any statement from him. Measures to have him committed to a sanitarium are said to have been under way when the tragedy occurred. Drs. B. J. Benjamin and H. H. Young had been asked to examine Reeve as to his sanity by the executors of his father's estate and the examination was soon to have been made.

Coroner Petersen will hold an inquest on the body of Rafford and District Attorney Livingston of Suffolk county will also conduct an inquiry today.

The feeling against Reeve which ran high at first has subsided as it is realized that the man is mentally unbalanced and not responsible for his acts.

Deputy Sheriff Rafford was attempting to serve an execution of a judgment for $104 when he was shot. Reeve lived on a farm which had been left him by his father. He had studied law for years. He has been known to be eccentric and peculiar, but had never been considered dangerous.

THE CANDIDATES

Men Who Want to Attend Convention

The republicans and democrats are talking about delegates to the national conventions, and although the state convention to choose them are yet four months off, there are many leaders in both parties spoken of.

The republicans are talking of sending Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, ex-Governor Winthrop Murray Crane, General William F. Draper, Congressman George P. Lawrence, Governor John L. Bates, ex-Governor John D. Long, Congressman Samuel L. Powers or William B. Plunkett as the delegates-at-large. As four are entitled to go, the chances are that there may be quite a scramble for the places, although republicans usually fix up things before they start for a convention.

The republicans have already made preparations for the convention at Chicago, and the state committee has instructed Colonel James B. Reynolds, who is now in Washington, to proceed to the convention city and arrange for hotel accommodations for the Massachusetts delegation. He leaves Washington tonight for Chicago for that purpose, and will return to Boston next week.

The Massachusetts delegation will no doubt be a thorough-going Roosevelt contingent, because Senator Lodge would not stand for anything else.

While the republicans count on being able to make their slate without jarring the sensibilities of any leader who wants to take the trip to Chicago in June, the proposition among the democrats for the four places at large on the delegation to the national convention is not an easy one.

The democratic lineup includes Colonel William A. Gaston, Josiah Quincy, Mayor Patrick A. Collins, Congressman John R. Thayer, the Hon. William L. Douglas, Congressman William S. McNary, James B. Carroll, John C. Crosby, George Fred Williams and Charles S. Hamlin. As there are only four places to go around there will be an interesting contest for the places.

The bone of contention in the work of selecting the delegates will come when the name of George Fred Williams is considered. Mr. Williams is a member of the national committee from Massachusetts, and was a candidate for vice president in 1896. The reconstruction element of the democracy in Massachusetts in the past two years has not always considered Williams in their reckoning, and having been a factor in the conventions which nominated Bryan in 1896 and 1900, it is likely he will again desire to go to the next national convention. Being a close personal friend of Bryan the democratic convention will be asked to send him to the national gathering.

Edward Fagan of Woonsocket, R. I., spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Patrolman Edward Fox of Eddy street.

AMADOR LEADS

May be First President of Panama

AGUA DULCE, Republic of Panama, Wednesday, Dec. 16.—Via Panama, Dec. 17.—The Junta's decree fixing Dec. 28 as the date for the election of representatives to the national convention has been received with enthusiasm in the towns in the interior of the republic. There is no doubt that public opinion favors the canal treaty with the United States and the candidacy of Dr. Amador for the presidency.

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Man Arrested for Stealing a Coat

SAID HE USED TO EAT HANDCUFFS

House of Correction Is His Address

In police court today James Neville pleaded not guilty to the larceny of an overcoat valued at $25, the property of John J. Delaney.

Neville called at Mr. Delaney's tailoring establishment in the Mansur block and took the coat from the wall. Mr. Delaney was out at the time but missed the coat immediately upon his return to the room.

He had heard footsteps on the stairs and he went to the street in search of an officer. While searching for the officer he met Neville wearing the coat and followed him to a barber shop. Neville removed the overcoat and answered to the call of "next." While he was being shaved Delancy went in search of an officer and returned with Sergt. Connors and Inspector Maher.

In police court today Neville said he bought the coat from a man whom he met in the street. He said he paid 50 cents for it.

In relating the circumstances connected with the arrest Inspector Maher said that Neville was very abusive.

"What did he say to you, if anything when you put the twisters on him?" asked Deputy Welch.

"He told me," said Inspector Maher, "that in the part of the west where he came from they were in the habit of eating twisters for breakfast."

"Go on, go on," said Neville from the dock. "I didn't say anything of the kind. Do I look like a man that would eat twisters?"

The question went unanswered, the only response being a small-sized laugh from the gallery.

To the court Neville said he belongs in Providence, R. I., and that he came to Lowell in search of work.

"What is your occupation?" asked the court.

"I'm a wood turner out of a job," said Neville "and all this talk about the west and twisters for breakfast is all poppycorn."

Neville was found guilty and was sentenced to the house of correction for three months.

GOOD TO HIS FRIENDS.

Certain liquors came up for forfeiture in police court yesterday and in the case of John B. Martell, in whose room ale and whiskey was found by the officers, James H. Carmichael appeared and claimed the liquor in the name of Martell. The case was continued to today, and after the government had submitted its case, Mr. Martell was called upon to tell his story.

He admitted that certain liquors were found in his room, but declared that he did not have them for the purpose of sale. He told the court that he works every day and that the ale and whiskey he had for his friends.

The police said they found 50 boxes of cigarettes in Martell's room, and he didn't deny it. He was in the habit of buying in large quantities, he said, and when his friends visited him there was nothing too good for them.

"You're fond of company," suggested the court.

"Well, when they'll come to see me I'll like to use it right," replied Martell.

"Why did you have so many cigarettes?"

"To treat myself and the people she'll come to see me."

"Do girls visit you in your room?"

"Oh yes, they'll come to sew the button on because I'm not the marry man."

"Do they smoke cigarettes in your room?"

"No, they'll not come the smoke in my room. I suppose they'll smoke it some oder place, but not in it my room."

"Why do you have so much beer in your room at one time?"

"Two case not so much. I'll often sit it down and drinked ten eleven bottles at a time and never get drunk."

"Why do you drink so much beer if you don't get drunk?"

"Well, I like to treat it my friend and have some good time."

There was no evidence on the part of the government that would show any sale or attempt at sale on the part of Martell and the court ordered his discharged. In finding for the refendant Judge Hadley told the officers not to be discouraged. They were liable to lose at times, he said, but they could feel satisfied because they were doing their duty.

NEW WEATHER BUREAU.

NARRAGANSETT PIER, Dec. 17.—The new government weather bureau station here which has been under construction for some time past, and which is now completed will be opened sometime next week in charge of Mrs. Margaret Conway. The building is a two-story structure, the lower floor being used for government purposes, while Mrs. Conway will occupy the second floor.

There will be two cables to the Block Island weather bureau and a private telephone line to Point Judith, Quonochontaug, Watch Hill, Fisher's Island, and all the other life saving stations of the third district.

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CASHEL ESCAPED

He Was Sentenced to be Hanged

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 17.—The Canadian government has offered a reward of $1000 for the head of Ernest Cashel, a prisoner condemned to be hanged on Tuesday last at Calgary penitentiary in the northwest territory.

On Dec. 10, at 6.15 p. m., as the day guard was making his final round, he unlocked the cell of the condemned man and in a flash he was covered by two revolvers which had been surreptitiously conveyed to the prisoner, and ordered to hold up his hands. The prisoner relieved the guard of his weapons and keys and backing out of the cell locked the guard safely therein and with the keys unlocked all barriers and let himself out into the open world. He was not missed till the night guard came on duty and discovered the state of affairs.

Cashel had been condemned to death for the murder of a farmer named Isaac Belte in September, 1902.

One serious question which confronts the Canadian authorities is if he is captured can he be hanged under the sentence that ordered his execution Dec. 16th or shall he have to have another trial?

THE FIRST SUITS

BROUGHT UNDER THE NEW PRESS LAW.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 17.—The first suits brought in this state under the press law, passed by the legislature a year ago, have been instituted against three newspapers here by a wealthy banker of Northampton county. The action is based on the publication of a statement that the banker had last month escaped from a hotel under quarantine in his home for small-pox. The man was believed to be in Allentown and it was at the request of the local board of health that the publication was made.

The papers in describing the banker said he had dyed his beard. The subject of the article is 65 years old, had recently married a young woman and alleges that the statement anent his beard caused him to be ridiculed by his friends.

BUSHNELL'S SHORTAGE

MAY NOT GO ABOVE $18,000, IT IS THOUGHT.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 17.—After the meeting of the board of directors of the Yale National bank, of which institution Asa C. Bushnell, who killed himself by shooting on Tuesday was the cashier, today President E. S. Greeley, said that nothing was done of a nature that would interest the public. By this, he explained, only routine business of the bank was transacted and no action taken or formal discussion of the shortage of the late cashier entered into. President Greeley said that reports had been received from banks in Boston and New York which act as correspondents for the Yale bank, but it would take several hours' work to determine if accounts covered by such reports are correct. He expressed his belief that Bushnell's shortage would not go above $18,000.

ROWE SENTENCED

MUST SERVE TEN YEARS IN PENAL SERVITUDE.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A. S. Rowe, the absconding secretary of the Great Fingal Consolidated Co., who was arrested at Toronto, was sentenced in the Old Bailey today to 10 years penal servitude for embezzling over $500,000 of the company's funds. Rowe fainted when his sentence was pronounced.

MARKET LIVELY

CAUSED BY CABLES FROM LIVERPOOL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Liverpool cables were up today owing to a scare of shorts and aggressive bull tactics and this caused the New York cotton market to shake off the lethargy recently noted. First prices were at an advance of 17 to 27 points. January sold at 12.40; March, 12.70; May, 12.80, and July, 12.77, these being new high records for the two last positions and net gains on the active months of 21 a 29 points. Liverpool houses bought here as well as in their home market and commission houses, though in many cases selling for profits, also had orders on the buying side. Of course the gains, particularly in reference to the latter positions which had passed all previous records brought out heavy realizing and shortly after the call these months reacted from the highest but generally speaking the market ruled very strong.

TO PROTECT SHAREHOLDERS.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 17.—F. H. Clergue, Cornelius Shields and T. J. Drummond, of the "Soo" company, have asked the government to take such action as would protect the Canadian shareholders in case the Consolidated Lake Superior Co. was wound up. The means of doing this would be to retain the land grants and other concessions made in giving franchises to the various subsidiary companies. They will have another conference with the premier this afternoon. It is said that in the case the present reorganization plan fails, Speyer and Co. will try to reorganize the business and give all outside shareholders a chance to come in.

Episcopal prayer books and bibles. Lawler's.

Oriental Bazaar's ad. on last page.

MICHAEL QUALEY, CAPTAIN MANCHESTER BASKETBALL TEAM.

ALLARD ABSENT

Lowells Were Defeated in Manchester

ABBOTT AND O'NEIL THE LOWELL STARS

Lynch Was High Man on Fouls

MANCHESTER, Dec. 17—Manchester turned the tables on Lowell at Mechanics' hall last night, winning handily by 23 points to 16. The game was fast and unusually gentle for these teams. Cairns played boisterously and Holloron displayed an unconquerable tendency to hug Devlin, much to the Manchester man's inconvenience. As a whole, however, the game was fast and free from unnecessarily rough tactics.

Lowell was strong on fouls and weak on baskets, which helped out much from the local viewpoint, and the combination of playing more for the basket and less for the man by the local artists was too much for Captain Allard's henchmen. The captain was not present. Manchester was out to win. Lowell had considerable to spare on Manchester in passing, but she was a bit off color in throwing for the basket, owing to the brisk blocking encountered.

Healy, Lynch and Donnelly were in fine fettle and played a great game from start to finish, while Abbott and O'Neil were much in evidence in the counting for Lowell. The locals started off with a rush, and at the end of the first period had a lead of six points, and while the visitors came back strong in the second period, they were stalled at a tally of seven for the period and Manchester was just as good. In the final period Manchester cut loose again and forged still farther to the vantage, finishing in a canter.

Lynch was high man on fouls, slipping in nine which the referee saw, but Cairns was a good second with seven. The crowd appeared to think along toward the end of the game that Mr. Tierney had his optics peeled especially for Lynch, and greeted the last few announcements of the Manchester player's delinquencies with the time honored salute accorded the villain by the gallery gods. No serious harm was done, however, and it added to the respectability of Lowell's score.

MANCHESTER—23.	16—LOWELL
Devlin, lf	rb, Holleron
Lynch, rf	lb, Fields
Healey, c	c, Cairns
Qualey lb	rf, Abbott
Donnelly, rb	lf, O'Neil

Summary: Score—Manchester 23, Lowell 16. Goals from floor—Healey 3, Abbott 3, Lynch 2, Donnelly 2, O'Neil 2, Qualey, Devlin, Fields. Points on fouls—Manchester 5, Lowell 4. Fouls called—On Lynch 9, Cairns 7, Fields 4, Abbott 4, Devlin 2, Healey, Qualey, Donnelly, O'Neil, Holleron. Referee—J. H. Tierney. Timers—Halloran for Lowell and Smith for Manchester. Attendance—500.

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The race is getting exciting just at the right time. The Concord bunch is certainly making a great bid for the pennant.

There has been some betting that Bucky Lew will score more baskets from the floor tonight than any other player in the game. Allard's friends are taking up the wagers as they believe that Albie after the rest of last night ought to be in the same shape he was Tuesday night.

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WOOD WILL WIN

Senate Committee in His Favor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate committee on military affairs last night concluded its investigation of charges against Gen. Leonard A. Wood, filed for the purpose of preventing his confirmation as major-general. Secretary Root was the only witness yesterday. He was on the stand for two and a half hours at the forenoon session and occupied the attention of the committee last night from 8 o'clock until 11.20. The committee will meet today to prepare its report. It is understood that confirmation will be recommended by a vote of 8 to 2. A minority report will be made by the opposition members of the committee.

The testimony of Secretary Root is practically the only defense that has been made of General Wood in the hearing which has extended since about the beginning of the extraordinary session of congress. This testimony, however, covered the entire range of the evidence produced against General Wood and was supported in many instances with correspondence and other data taken from records at the war department covering the period of General Wood's administration as governor of Cuba. Secretary Root understood to assume the whole responsibility for the orders issued by General Wood affecting the judicial system in Cuba and concerning the concession granted to the Jai Alai company at Havana.

He justified the acceptance by General Wood of the present of a silver set from the Jai Alai company.

At the forenoon session of the committee Secretary Root was given every latitude in telling his own story of the affairs in the island and refuting the charges that had been made by a number of witnesses, but at the evening session questions were asked by Senator Teller, which confined the secretary to the Runcie letter, the Jai Alai concession, the Rathbone trial; General Wood's friendship for Bellairs and the question of seniority as a means of recognizing military service. Many of the questions were pointed and in some cases severe upon General Wood, but in every case General Wood found a firm defender.

GENERAL CASTRO

Was Driven Out of the Country

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—The Pacific mail steamer Barrachuta just arrived here from Panama, transported General Demetrio Castro of the Colombian forces away from the seat of trouble to Punta Arenas, Costa Rica. His departure was rather sensational. When the new republic of Panama was proclaimed, General Castro was requested to take the oath of allegiance. He refused and was ordered to leave the country. Failing to do so, a squad of soldiers waited upon him and escorted him aboard the Barrachuta, then about to sail.

BIG DEFALCATION

WILL REACH THE SUM OF $10,000.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the finance committee of the board of regents of the University of California, it has developed that former Secretary McKowen's defalcations will reach at least $10,000 instead of half that amount as was at first supposed. It was brought out during the conference that the peculations covered a period of seven years and that McKowen has scarcely any money of his own. McKowen was present at the conference and at its conclusion was given into the custody of the sheriff. It is announced that the scandal will be sifted to the bottom. The stolen money, it is said, was not taken from the general fund of the university but from private benefactions turned over to McKowen.

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THE SUN EXTRA

6 O'CLOCK

ARMED COLOMBIANS

Camp of 2000 Troops Discovered by Americans

COLON, Dec. 17.—7.30 a. m.—The United States cruiser, Atlanta, Commander William H. Turner, returned here last night from the gulf of Darien. She discovered Dec. 15 a detachment of Colombian troops numbering visually about 500 men, but according to their statements totalling 1500 or 2000 men at Titumato, on the western side of the gulf, just north of the mouth of the Atrato river and due east from Yavisa. The commander of the Atlanta sent ashore an officer who conversed with the Colombians' commander. The latter protested energetically against the presence of American warships in Columbian waters, inasmuch as war between Colombia and the United States had not been declared and politely requested the Atlanta to leave the gulf, because it belonged to Colombia.

Commander Turner ignored the request and the Atlanta returned to Colon to report to Rear Admiral Coghlan.

The Colombians are evidently busy with protective and strengthening measures. Although they treated the Americans courteously they decidedly resented the presence of the Atlanta's landing party. The Colombian force was composed partly of the men landed recently at the Atrato river by the Colombian cruisers, Cartagena and General Pinzon.

Early in the morning of Dec. 15 the Atlanta sighted a small schooner in the centre of the gulf of Darien and followed her to the western shore, where the schooner attempted to hide behind an inlet. Lieut. Harlan P. Perrill of the Atlanta was ordered to board her and the whaleboat was lowered and pulled towards the schooner. Through the courtesy of the naval officers the correspondent of the Associated Press accompanied the party in the whaleboat. It was found that the schooner had on board a hundred armed Colombian soldiers, commanded by Gen. Rafael Novo, who said Gen. Daniel Ortiz, commander-in-chief of the Colombian forces of the Atlantic and Pacific, had a large camp a mile away on the mainland. Gen. Novo requested Lieut. Perrill to land and confer with Gen. Ortiz. After temporarily returning to the Atlanta, Lieut. Perrill went back to the schooner, which, in the meantime, had taken up a position off a beach within a small bay. Great excitement prevailed among the Colombians on the whaleboat's approach.

There were repeated cries of "Viva Colombia" and there was a sudden concentration of about 150 Colombian soldiers on the beach. For some moments the situation appeared dangerous and had the appearance of an ambuscade. Gen. Ortiz appeared on the beach when Lieut Perrill went ashore, the whaleboat in the meanwhile lying close to the beach. Gen. Ortiz insisted that Lieut. Perrill should fly the Colombian flag at the bow of the whaleboat or lower the American flag at her stern, because she was in Colombian waters. Lieut. Perrill replied that he did not have a Colombian flag and refused to lower the stars and stripes.

Gen. Ortiz did not insist upon his so doing, but he protested in writing against the presence of the Americans in Colombian waters. Lieut Perrill accepted the protest and conveyed it to Commander Turner, who handed it to Rear Admiral Coghlan on his arrival here.

During the conference with the Colombians ashore Lieut. Perrill was surrounded by Gen. Ortiz's staff while inland, a few paces there was a semi-circle of armed sentinels. The beach in both directions was also lined by sentinels. Gen. Ortiz did not permit Lieut Perrill to leave the point of the beach where he landed. While Perrill was awaiting the Colombian protest, Lieut Edward B. Manwaring, U. S. M. C., rowed up in a cutter for the purpose of talking with Lieut. Perrill and to gain certain military information. Lieut. Manwaring went ashore and the cutter joined the whaleboat off the beach.

Lieut. Perrill returned to the Atlanta at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Lieut. Manwaring before returning pulled in the cutter along the coast, observing the Colombian's camp. Later in the day Gen. Ortiz requested the Atlanta to leave.

The Colombian camp appeared to be permanent, was well provisioned and probably destined to be used as a base of operations.

Gen. Ortiz and others freely expressed the determination of Colombia to fight to the bitter end in case Gen. Reyes' visit to Washington is not successful and Panama is not returned to Colombia.

STOPPED LOOM

A PITTSFIELD MILL EMPLOYE SAVED ANOTHER GIRL'S LIFE.

PITTSFIELD, Dec. 17—Presence of mind and swift action on the part of Miss Anna Clark, an operative in the Pontoosuc woolen mill, saved her fellow employe, Miss Christine Wheldon, from a terrible injury in the mill yesterday afternoon. Both young women are weavers, and while attempting to mend a broken thread, Miss Wheldon's hair was caught in the gears of a fast running loom. Miss Clark at the next loom witnessed the accident, sprang to a lever of Miss Wheldon's loom, and stopped the machine which was making 400 revolutions a minute. Another revolution would have torn Miss Wheldon's scalp from her head.

Miss Wheldon was unable to continue work from the shock.

TREATY VIOLATED

CHARGE MADE AGAINST FRENCH FISHERMEN.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17.—Advices from Newfoundland state that complaints have been received at St. Johns, from Dark Harbor, of an alleged violation of the treaty of Paris by French fishermen. It is claimed that fishermen remain on shore at Dark Harbor and that others are expected.

The treaty of Paris, drawn up in 1763, allows French fishermen to remain on the so-called French shore of Newfoundland during the fishing season. This season is now over, and it is expected the authorities will make an inquiry.

PERSONALS

Eddie Maguire of the Boston Post was in Lowell yesterday.

Miss Blanche Webster of Murle, P. E. Island, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gillis of Andover street.

PLACED ON PROBATION.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17—Ralph E. Brancroft of Stoneham, Mass., the Brown student who was arrested yesterday afternoon on the charge of stealing money from a fellow student in the gymnasium, pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of $1 in the district court today and was placed on probation until June 3.

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PATTEE ILL

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City Messenger Joseph E. Pattee is confined to his home by illness and all questions are being answered by Janitor Deltaage.

ANGRY MUSKRAT

VICIOUSLY ATTACKED A MAN IN MALDEN.

MALDEN, Dec. 17.—James H. Reed of Eastern avenue had a lively fight with a muskrat last night while on his way home near the Saugus branch creek.

The animal ran in front of him and he made a kick at and missed it. The rat then jumped at Reed and tried to bite him in the leg.

The only weapon Reed had was a large colander and he spoiled that striking at the rat. Reed finally got a stone and put an end to the fight.

He took the rat to the police station. It weighed four pounds and was the largest seen in this section in some time.

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RAILROAD SOLD

THEN A NEW CORPORATION WAS FORMED.

CALAIS, Maine, Dec. 17.—The Washington county railroad was sold at public auction today to F. W. Whitredge of New York, president of the Washington County Railroad Co., for $2,300,000, the upset price fixed by the United States circuit court.

After the sale, a new corporation was organized to be known as the Washington County Railway Co. The business will be continued practically under the same management.

Hon. Charles F. Libby of Portland, who was made special master by the decree of Judge Putnam of the United States circuit court at Portland July 6, 1903, conducted the sale. According to his decree, Judge Putnam found that material allegations of the complaint of the Central Trust Co., of the New York in the foreclosure proceedings against the railroad were due and ordered that the road pay on or before Nov. 14th last the sum of $731,414, the amount of the interest on the bonds with accrued interest. Failing to pay this amount, it was ordered the road be sold by the special master at public auction at Calais to the highest bidder, the upset price being fixed at $2,300,000.

THE STATE GRANGE.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17—The New Hampshire state grange closed a three days' session today, hearing reports from standing committees, adopting resolutions and installing officers.

Among the recommendations of the grange are: The erection of a new creamery building and a girl's dormitory, and the establishment of domestic science at the agricultural college; the investigation of the subject of railroad taxation to see whether the present method of its distribution shall be changed at the next session of the legislature; indorsing the movement to secure a national forest reserve in the White mountains; favoring good roads and the extension of electric railways; recommending additional appropriations for rural schools.

A memorial service for members deceased during the year and the installation of the newly elected officers closed the session's program.

Genuine Chinaware at Oriental Bazaar.

MAIDEN LANE

Property Owners Will Close It

The property owners along Maiden lane, all of whom are in favor of the proposed Dummer street extension, intend to close Maiden lane if the street goes through.

It seems that the abutters on each side own out to the middle of the alley and will close it to travel by erecting fences.

But the lane has been open to travel for many years and the question may be raised as to the rights of the public in the passageway.

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BROKEN WRIST

PROFESSOR UMPLEBY MET WITH AN ACCIDENT.

The many friends of Prof. Fenwick W. Umpleby, of the Textile school, will be pained to learn that he is confined to his home with a broken wrist. While returning from the school Tuesday evening Mr. Umpleby passing through So. common slipped and fell, his weight falling on his right wrist. While it pained considerable, nothing serious was thought to be the matter with it, but upon examination it was found that it had been broken.

MEN'S LEAGUE

DISCUSS MERITS AND DEMERITS OF THE SUNDAY PAPER.

At a meeting of the Men's league of the Kirk Street church last night the question "Resolved, that the influence of the Sunday newspaper is detrimental to the moral interests of the community," was debated and the debate was decided in favor of the affirmative. It was generally agreed that the Sunday newspaper was an obstacle in the way of church attendance and that it occupied time that should be given to more profound thought and inspiring reading.

ROOSEVELT WON SUIT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Emlen Roosevelt and other holders of the $100,000 five per cent. bonds issued by the Etna Iron and Manufacturing Co., have won their suit against the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad company, guarantors of the bond, brought to recover unpaid interest due on Dec. 1, 1902.

By direction of Judge Wheeler, before whom the case was tried in the United States Circuit court judgment for $3,200, the full amount claimed was given to the plaintiffs. However, the suit involves the redemption of the entire bond issue when it shall fall due because of the defendants contention that its guarantee on the bonds was not binding. This defense is upset by the court's decision which fixes the railroad company's liability.

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GREAT TRIBUTE

Paid to the Late Bishop Bradley

MILLS WERE CLOSED DURING SERVICE

Singing by a Choir of Priests

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 17—The funeral of Right Rev. Denis M. Bradley, bishop of the New Hampshire diocese, took place at 10.30 o'clock this forenoon and was the most impressive ceremony ever held in this state. All business in this city was at a standstill while the service was in progress and the mills and schools were closed.

St. Joseph's cathedral on Pine street, in which the mass was celebrated, was crowded, and it is estimated that 10,000 people were in the vicinity of the church. Every local Catholic society was represented. With few exceptions every priest in the diocese was present. There was a large delegation of clergy and laymen from Portland, Me.

The body of the dead prelate reposed on a catafalque in the cathedral. The Right Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, bishop of Springfield, Mass., was celebrant of the pontifical mass of requiem and the Most Rev. John J. Williams, archbishop of Boston, assisted at the throne. About 300 of the Catholic clergy of New England were present. The body of the bishop was carried to the basement of the cathedral and placed in a tomb.

Besides Archbishop Williams of Boston and Bishop Beaven of Springfield, Mass., the Right Rev. John S. Michaud of Burlington, Vt., the Right Rev. Michael Tierney of Hartford, Conn., and the Right Rev. William H. O'Connell of Portland, Me., were in attendance.

The score of cotton mills operated by the Amoskeag corporation and its allied companies were closed, as were the smaller factories and stores.

The body of the bishop lay in state in front of the high altar of the cathedral from yesterday afternoon until this morning, guarded by members of numerous societies, which relieved each other hourly. The body was vested in the Episcopal robes, with mitre, apostolic ring and pectoral cross. The casket, made of gun metal, rested upon a catafalque five feet high in the middle aisle, near the entrance of the sanctuary, during the service. The entire interior of the cathedral was draped. Great streamers of black crepe extended from the high altar to the main entrance, and all the altars were draped in the deepest mourning.

In the early morning numerous masses for the repose of the soul of Bishop Bradley were said. At 10.30 a pontifical high mass of requiem was sung. Besides Bishop Beaven, the other officials were assistant priest, the Very Rev. Edward F. Hurley of Portland, vicar general of the Maine diocese; deacons of honor, the Rev. John Duddy of Somersworth and the Rev. J. A. Chevalier of Manchester; deacon of the mass, the Rev. J. B. V. Milette of Nashua; sub-deacon, the Rev. John J. Lyons of Manchester; acolytes, the Rev. Francis J. Howat of Manchester and the Rev. Herbert E. Hennon of Laconia; masters of ceremonies, the Rev. James H. Brennan, the Rev. Patrick J. Scott and the Rev. John Casey of Manchester.

The musical portion of the mass was sung by a choir composed of the priests of the diocese. The eulogy was delivered by the Right Rev. Mathew Harkins, D. D., bishop of Providence. Five absolutions followed, given by five New England bishops, the last by the archbishop.

MOSES FRENCH DEAD.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 17.—Moses French, whose father, Jonathan French, fought under General Stark at Bennington as a soldier of the revolution, died today, aged 81. Mr. French had lived in Manchester for more than 50 years and was the first to recognize the possibilities of York beach as a summer resort. In 1875 he purchased a large tract of land there and commenced the erection of hotels and cottages. He had served in the Manchester city government and was a man of unusual prominence. He leaves a daughter and three sons.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 17—M. Comtesse, a member of the Bundesrath from Neuchatel and M. Ruchet, a member from the Canton de Vaud were today elected respectively president and vice-president of Switzerland for 1904.

ONE PASSENGER DIED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—The steamer Teutonic arrived today from Liverpool and Queenstown with 52 first and 100 second cabin passengers of the disabled Red Star line steamer Kroonland, which put into Queenstown with disabled steering gear.

On Dec. 15 Mrs. Holeman of Alexandria, La., aged 45 years, a second cabin passenger from the Kroonland, died of uraemia on board the Teutonic.

The Teutonic also brought 67 packages of gold bars and sovereigns.

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ROCKEFELLER LOST

IN HIS SUIT FOR ALLEGED TRESPASS.

MALONE, N. Y., Dec. 17—William Rockefeller has been defeated in action for trespass which he brought against Oliver Lamora, a poor resident of the Adirondack mountains.

Lamora was charged with fishing in streams on Mr. Rockefeller's estate, but asserted that he had a right to do so, because the streams were stocked by the state. The case was sent back to the county court from the appellate division of the supreme court and again will be carried up on appeal, as it involves the interests of many millionaires who have large estates in the mountains and desire the hunting and fishing as their exclusive privileges.

BROWN MAY DIE

WAS INTERNALLY INJURED BY A HUG.

WESTERLY, R. I., Dec. 17—John Brown, 14, an employe of the Cottrell press works, may die from the effects of internal injuries inflicted at play yesterday.

Young Brown with John Whenele and Joseph Ogston, were skylarking about the factory, and among other things they were trying to seee how hard they could hug one another. Whenele and Ogston finally caught Brown in a sort of a strangle hold and they held him so tightly that when he was released he fell to the floor unconscious. A physician declared that the boy had been ruptured and that internal organs had been badly injured.

FUNERALS

BOISLAIR—The funeral of Mendora Boisclair, the little girl who died from burns received Sunday night took place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 104 Prince street. The remains were placed in the tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery.

COTTRELL—Services over the remains of Harriet M. Cottrell were held yesterday afternoon in the Edson cemetery chapel, Revs. George F. Kenngott and S. D. Millin officiating. Miss Spofford sang. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker Young in charge.

COMBER—Services over the remains of John H. Comber were held in the Edson cemetery chapel yesterday afternoon. Pentucket Lodge of Masons had charge of the services and the full Masonic ritual was used. The bearers were C. Ball, N. Bishop, E. Sherwood, and F. Johnson. Interment was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker J. A. Weinbeck in charge.

COULAM—The funeral of William H. Coulam took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son, 216 Foster street. Rev. Leander Manchester, D.D., officiated. The bearers were four sons of the deceased: William B., Harry Vincent, and Frank. Burial was in the Edson cemetery, Undertaker Weinbeck in charge.

GRAY—The funeral of Kate Gray tok place yesterday afternoon from her late home, 452 Lawrence street. Services were held at St. Peter's church at 3 o'clock. Rev. W. George Mullin officiating. The bearers were Edward McCarty, John F. Smith, Thomas J. Sheehan, Patrick Owens, John P. Conley and John O'Dowd. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertaker McDermott.

QUESSY—The funeral of Mavina Quessy took place yesterday from her late home, 60 Colburn street. Services were held at St. Joseph's church at 8 o'clock. Rev. Fr. Nolin, O. M. I., officiating. The bearers were I. Quessy, L. Beausoleil, C. Martin and D. Paquin. The body was placed in the tomb in St. Joseph's cemetery. Burial was under the direction of Undertaker Albert.

KELLEY—Funeral services over the remains of Frank F. Kelley were held in the Lowell cemetery chapel yesterday afternoon. Rev. C. E. Fisher officiated. The bearers were C. H. Conant, J. H. Carmichael, G. F. Stiles, W. H. Wilson and J. J. and John Harvey. Interment was in Lowell cemetery, Undertaker Weinbeck in charge.

SHALLO—The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Shallo took place from her late home, 4 Wilson avenue, North Billerica, at 9 o'clock this morning. The cortege proceeded to St. Andrew's church, where a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Desroshes, O. M. I. The choir under the direction of Mrs. Terrence McNulty rendered the Gregorian mass. At the offertory "Pie Jesu" was sung by Mrs. Terrence McNulty and as the body was borne from the church Mrs. McNulty rendered "Face to Face." The deceased was loved by all and she leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss, besides a husband, Denis, and three sons, James, 7 years; Jeremiah, 6 years; and William, 5 years of age. Undertaker McKenna had charge of funeral arrangements.

FITZGERALD—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Fitzgerald took place this afternoon at 2.30 from the funeral chapel of J. F. O'Donnell & Sons, and was largely attended. At the grave Rev. Fr. Walsh of St. Patrick's church read the committal prayers. The bearers were William H., William E., and John A. Fitzgerald and Patrick Sullivan. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery under the direction of Undertakers J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

MURTHA—The funeral of William Joseph Murtha will take place Friday morning at 8.15 from his home, 42 Pine Hill street. Mass of requiem at St. Peter's church.

DEATHS

McKENNA—Charles E. McKenna, a well-known resident of Centralville, died yesterday at his residence, 28 West Third street, aged 35 years and 3 months. Besides a sister, Miss Lizzie McKenna, a brother, John McKenna, and a neice, Mrs. Martin McCaffrey, he leaves a large host of friends to mourn his loss.

SCRUTTON—George William Scrutton, for the last 30 years a resident of this city, died yesterday at his home, 13 Powell street, aged 50 years. He leaves a wife and one daughter. Mr. Scrutton had been for many years in the employ of the city.

EMPEROR GOES HUNTING.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Emperor William, Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Russian ambassador, Count Von Osten-Sacken and a great following of other notable persons left Berlin today for the forest of Goehrde, province of Hanover on a two days' hunt.

AMBASSADOR NAMED.

VIENNA, Dec. 17—Count Rudolf Von Welsersheim has been appointed Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Madrid in suc

REV. FR. McGURTY

Was Buried in Ottawa Today

The funeral of Rev. Charles M. McGurty, O. M. I., who died the day before yesterday as the result of injuries received at the fire at Ottawa university, took place this morning, and the body was interred in the Oblates' lot in Ottawa. It was thought by many that on account of the deceased being a Lowell boy that the body would be brought to this city, but it is usual to bury deceased priests of the Oblate order who die in Ottawa in the cemetery in that city.

NO RECEIVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Judge Lacombe, of the United States circuit court has denied an application recently made by Madeline Hughes and other stockholders of the compressed air company that a receiver be appointed. The court declared that the applicants had failed to make out a case.

Hand lace trimmings, Oriental Bazaar.

APPOINTMENT MADE

JOSEPH F. ROARKE CLERK OF BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Supt. of Buildings Conlon yesterday appointed Joseph F. Roarke of 222 Charles street to the position of clerk in the lands and buildings department, which has been held temporarily by John F. Connors. Mr. Roarke was appointed from the general civil service list in which he stood second with a rank of 83.40 per cent., the first man on the list being Stanley Qua, son of the ex-city solicitor, and a law student.

By the appointment of Mr. Roarke Supt. Conlon gets one of the best clerks in Lowell and The Sun, where Mr. Roarke has been employed as assistant accountant for the last nine years, loses one. Mr. Roarke is intelligent, steady and thoroughly honest and can be depended upon to fill the position acceptably.

He is unmarried and lives with his widowed mother. He is a member of the Y. M. C. I. and Industry Council, R. A. His co-laborers of The Sun unite in wishing him success and congratulate the superintendent on the wisdom of his selection.

COTTON FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton futures opened strong. Dec. 12.35; Jan. 12.45; Feb. offered, 12.55; March, 12.60; May, 12.76; June, 12.75; July 12.78; Aug. 12.40.

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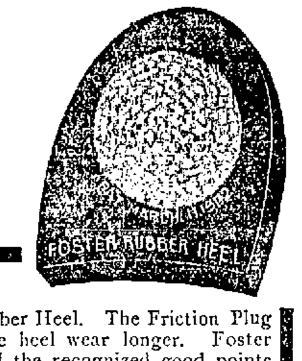

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TESTIMONY IN SHIPBUILDING CO. HEARING

Pam and Schwab Interested Spectators

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The hearing on the application to make permanent the receivership of the United States Shipbuilding Co., was resumed here today, Charles Steele, a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Co., being on the witness stand for a short examination as to the connection of that firm with the promotion of the shipbuilding company, and the sale to it of the Bethlehem Steel plant. At the hearing last week George W. Perkins, of the same firm, testified that Mr. Steele had had charge of this matter.

The hearing today was transferred from the offices of Guggenheimer, Untermyer and Marshall, where it had previously been held, to the New York board of trade and their rooms, on account of the frequent verbal passages between Counsel Guthrie and Untermeyer, Mr. Untermeyer objecting to Mr. Guthrie's intimations that he was subject to insult under Mr. Untermyer's roof. Max Pam and Charles M. Schwab were interested spectators.

Counsel Untermyer immediately began questioning Mr. Steele about the purchase and sale of the Bethlehem plant by J. P. Morgan & Co., as syndicate managers for the United States Steel Corporation; and the agreements between C. M. Schwab and Robert P. Linderman, of the Bethlehem plant, and J. P. Morgan & Co., for the purchase of the Bethlehem plant in 1901 were produced and admitted in evidence.

The purchase of the Bethlehem plant by J. P. Morgan & Co., as syndicate managers, was arranged by Mr. Schwab and Morgan & Co., in June, 1901. Mr. Schwab assigning to the steel syndicate a contract which he had for the purchase of a control of the Bethlehem stock. Mr. Steele said the purchase was made in order that the steel corporation might be able to control the disposal of the Bethlehem plant, its permanent ownership being considered disadvantageous to the steel corporation and the desire being to re-sell it to owners favorable to the steel company, though no special purchaser was in view at this time. Mr. Steele, though a director of the steel corporation, professed himself ignorant of the competitive or non-competitive status of Bethlehem and Carnegie armor plate plants, the latter of which was owned by the steel syndicate.

The circumstances and details of the purchase of the Bethlehem stock by Morgan & Co., were gone into at great length, Mr. Steele testifying that he had accepted Mr. Schwab's opinion of the value of the plant and had taken the contract for the purchase of the stock at the price Schwab had agreed to pay the original owners, the understanding being that Schwab should share any profits at the resale of the plant. During this inquiry, one of the interchanges of personalities, so frequent at the hearings, between Messrs. Guthrie and Untermyer, took place.

CLEARING HOUSE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Clearing house statement. Exchanges $21,963,310; balances, $1,773,530.

SENATOR HOAR

Stands for the Isthmian Canal

WANTS NO SUSPICION CAST AGAINST NATION

Sen. Gorman Says Information Was Suppressed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—At the beginning of today's session of the senate, Mr. McComas (Maryland) reported a bill from the committee on patents, providing for the protection of foreign exhibitors or artistic, musical and literary works at the St. Louis world's fair and at his request the bill was given immediate consideration and passed.

Mr. Hoar addressed the senate on his resolution calling upon the president for such information as may be in his possession relative to the status of the republic of Panama when the treaty with that country was negotiated. He said that no man in the country desired more eagerly than himself to support the administration and act with his party associates in the senate chamber. He was favorably disposed to the isthmian canal and moreover he was anxious that the construction of the canal should be accomplished in his life time and by the republican party. He was also desirous that the president of the United States should build the great water way. But, anxious as he was for the accomplishment of all these ends, he was even more anxious that the canal should be built without "taint or suspicion of national dishonor."

"What we want to know is," he said "did this government, knowing that a revolution was about to take place, so arrange matters that the revolution, whether peaceable or otherwise, should be permitted to go on without interruption, and whether our national authorities took measures to prevent Colombia from stopping it."

Mr. Gorman followed Mr. Hoar. He ridiculed the Panama revolution and claimed that the administration had suppressed information. He also denied some of the statements made by Mr. Loomis.

WITH GOLD PEN

SPEAKER CANNON SIGNED THE CUBAN TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—When the house convened today the speaker signed the bill carrying into effect the Cuban reciprocity treaty, using a gold pen provided by the Cuban minister.

MILL CLOSED

OPERATIVES DID NOT REPORT FOR WORK.

VALLEY FALLS, R. I., Dec. 17—The cotton mill of the Nashuon company in this town is shut down today as the result of the entire force of operatives absenting themselves at opening time this morning. About 150 men are idle. The weavers of the company went out yesterday afternoon, claiming that the cuts of cloth had been lengthened 15 to 18 yards and the other operatives are out in sympathy with their fellow workmen.

JEWELRY STOLEN.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 17—The residence of John C. Ashley of this city was broken into early today and a considerable quantity of silverware, jewelry and cutlery, together with two gold watches, were stolen. No clue to the identity of the housebreakers exists.

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RUSSIA'S REPLY

Is Not Satisfactory to Japan

TOKIO, Dec. 17—The conference of the elder statesmen of Japan, including the Marquis Ito, and the cabinet ministers yesterday, resulted according to a semi-official statement, in a determination to oppose a strong front to Russia, in view of the latter's unsatisfactory reply to the Japanese proposals.

DRAFT NOT ACCEPTABLE.

LONDON, Dec. 17—The Associated Press is informed that an intimation has been received here in official quarters from Japan that the Russian draft of the proposed agreement is not acceptable in its present form and that further negotiations on important questions of principle will be necessary before a final settlement can be reached. Both the Japanese and British officials in London, however, maintain the views they expressed in these dispatches Dec. 14, that a distinct step toward peace has been made and they remain optimistic in regard to an ultimate pacific settlement.

A FINAL ATTEMPT.

TOKIO, Dec. 17—Another report says that it is understood that although the Russian reply was considered highly unsatisfactory, the conference of Japanese statesmen has decided to make another and probably last attempt to arrive at a friendly settlement.

The situation is considered grave. Even the most sober section of the Japanese press declares it is high time for action.

RUNAWAY GIRLS

TWO OF THEM FOUND HALF FROZEN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Catherine Delaney, aged 13, and Eugenia Silleck, fifteen, two Peekskill girls, whose parents are in comfortable circumstances, ran away from their homes on Tuesday afternoon and made their way to Yonkers, having conceived a dislike for the monotony of school life. They had just enough money to pay for one night's lodging in a cheap hotel. Yesterday they wandered half frozen about the streets. It was piercing cold and the realization that they were two lonely little girls, far from home, forced itself upon them and dispelled the glamour with which they had viewed runaway life. They were glad when a policeman spoke to them, and tearfully confessed that they were truants. Their parents were telegraphed for an dthe y were taken back to Peekskill.

Choice gift books. Lawler's.

CRANE AND LODGE

WERE GUESTS OF THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Roosevelt entertained at luncheon today former Governor W. Murray Crane and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts and Secretaries Root and Cortelyou. The fact that Gov. Crane was at the luncheon in addition to being an invited guest to the president's cabinet dinner tonight, induced considerable comment. It has been known for many months that it is the desire of the president that Gov. Crane should be identified in some definite capacity with the presidential campaign next year. Indeed, it has been suggested that he might be the chairman of the republican national committee in the event of Senator Hanna's refusal to again accept the place. It can be said, however, that that particular subject was not discussed at the luncheon today. Mr. Hanna has been requested by the president to retain the position of national chairman, and unless he shall have determined definitely whether or not he will accept the chairmanship, no move regarding the matter will be made. In any event, it is understood Gov. Crane will fill an important place in the campaign management next year. Today's luncheon party discussed political affairs informally but assurance is given that beyond that the conference was of no general significance.

TWO REPORTS

WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE WOOD CASE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate committee on military affairs met today and decided to postpone action on the case of Gen. Leonard Wood until January 4. It is planned to go over the entire testimony that was introduced in the investigation of charges and give time for the preparation of the majority and minority reports which will be made. The majority report, it is expected, will be an endorsement of Gen. Wood's military and civil record in Cuba.

GENERAL DENIAL

WAS MADE BY RECEIVER PEPPER.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—A denial of the charges made by Receiver Pepper of the Bay State Gas company of Delaware, against Henry H. Rogers of New York, well known capitalist, was filed today in the supreme judicial court of the commonwealth. Mr. Rogers is one of the defendants in the litigation instituted by Receiver Pepper against the Boston Gas Light Co., et. al. He denies substantially all the allegations in the plaintiff's bill and does not waive his demurrer.

CAPT. PHILLIPS

IS CHARGED WITH RECEIVING DOUBLE PAY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Charges of duplicating his pay accounts and receiving double pay for the months of October and November were today preferred against Capt. John W. L. Phillips, 27th United States infantry, by Col. Francis D. Dodge, chief paymaster of the department of the east.

Col. Dodge has forwarded the papers in the case to the paymaster general at Washington for further action.

GENERAL WALLACE ILL.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 17—Gen. Lew Wallace is in New York under the care of an eminent specialist. He is taking the X-ray treatment for a cancerous condition of the nose, and if this treatment is not successful, may submit to an operation.

GIRL IS DEAD

Head Jolted by Lurch of Train

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Miss Mary Lynch, twenty-two years old and pretty, died yesterday at her home at West Farms road and Forest avenue, Westchester, in agony, from an unusual and apparently trivial accident that occurred three weeks ago.

The girl and her mother were returning home from the theatre on a train on the Harlem River branch of the New Haven railroad. Miss Lynch was resting her head on the back of her seat when the train gave a sudden lurch. The jolt caused her head to be jerked back a little and then suddenly forward, but she said it hurt her only for a moment.

"There was a strange pain in the back of my neck for a minute," she said to her mother, "but I feel all right now."

She recovered so quickly that Mrs. Lynch, when asked for her name and address, said she would not make any complaint.

A week later Miss Lynch suddenly developed spinal meningitis. Specialists were called in, but they could not save her.

The strange death of the girl is puzzling physicians and specialists. They say only an autopsy would show what brought on spinal meningitis.

Dr. J. D. Dunn, of Fordham hospital, who was called in consultation with Dr. Pound, of Westchester, said last night:

"I regard her death as rather strange, because a person of the age of Miss Lynch seldom dies from spinal meningitis."

Three weeks ago Miss Lynch was one of the most robust girls in Westchester. When she was suddenly taken ill it was thought she had malarial fever. She complained of intense pains in her head and for nearly three days before her death she was unconscious.

STABBED HAZER

WESLEYAN FRESHMAN SHOT AT ANOTHER.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 17—In a desperate fight against hazers, Frank D. Taylor, a Wesleyan freshman and right tackle of the 'Varsity eleven, last night fired a blank cartridge in the face of a sophomore and stabbed Howard M. Richard, a senior. Richard's eye narrowly escaped being gouged out and he was brought home here today.

Taylor weighs 185 pounds. He was selected for a hazing discipline. He fired his pistol so close to an invader at the window as to blacken his hat and then hacked right and left in the crowd with a screwdriver. One blow pinned Richard's hat to his forehead.

The frenzied young giant was finally disarmed.

WON FIRST PRIZE.

At the whist party last evening, which was held at the residence of Mr. J. A. Coram, the first gentleman's prize, a silk umbrella, was won by Mr. Thomas P. Boulger, and the first ladies' prize, a silver vase, was awarded to Mrs. Boulger. It seems from this that Mr. and Mrs. Boulger are not only fine vocalists but extremely clever whist players.

UNIVERSITY CLOSED

BECAUSE OF DEATH OF PRESIDENT'S WIFE.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 17.—Mrs. James B. Angell, wife of the president of the University of Michigan, died at her residence here today of pneumonia. The university was closed today as a mark of respect for her memory and the president's bereavement and will not be reopened until after the holidays. Mrs. Angell, who was born in Providence, R. I., was the daughter of Alexis Caswell, once president of Brown university, and had spent her whole life in college work. She was married to President Angell in 1845. Mrs. Angell presided over the American legation at Pekin, China, while Mr. Angell was United States minister to that country. She was also a prominent member of the woman's board of the world's fair at Chicago. Mrs. Angell is survived by three children, Prof. James D. Angell of Chicago University, Mrs. A. C. McLaughlin of Washington and Alexis C. Angell, of Detroit.

SPOT COTTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton spot closed quiet, 25 points higher. Middling uplands, 12.70; middling gulf, 12.95; sales, 1,025 bales.

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SPECIAL JURY

TO HEAR CHARGES AGAINST BERLIN BANKER.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17—In the United States district court this noon Judge Edgar Aldrich presiding, a special grand jury was empanelled to hear the charges against Albert H. Eastman, the Berlin banker who was arrested on Wednesday at Woodsville charged with making false entries on the books of the Berlin National bank.

The grand jury panel is as follows: Amos C. Chase of Kingston, foreman; A. B. Stimson, Concord; Harrie E. Waite, Lebanon; Josiah E. Fernald, Concord; Alonzo Elliott, Manchester; Charles B. Spofford, Claremont; John S. Shepard, Franklin; Charles H. Brackett, Greenland; David Urch, Portsmouth; Arthur T. Cass, Tilton; Warren C. Cox, Bristol; Elisha P. Hicks, Colebrook; Andy Holt, Lyndeborough; L. D. Clement, North Ware; J. E. Hopkins, Walter L. Jenks, Benjamin S. Rolfe, Henry C. Brown, Concord.

After the jury had been sworn and brief instructions as to their duties given them by Judge Aldrich, a recess was taken for dinner.

This afternoon the presentation of testimony was begun by District Attorney Charles J. Hamblett. A large number of witnesses, principally from the northern part of this state, are here in readiness to give their evidence.

The grand jury is made up for the most part of men prominent in the business life of the state, Messrs. Fernald, Cass and Elliott, being leading bankers.

ACCUSED BY WIFE

SAYS HER HUSBAND IS A TORTURER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Dorothy E. Lewis, who is suing Harry L. Lewis of No. 274 Stuyvesant avenue, Brooklyn, for separation, alimony and the custody of their 10-year-old son, alleges extreme cruelty, beginning immediately after their marriage in North Dakota in 1892.

She was but 16 when she married, and she alleges that her husband almost immediately began to terrify her with threats and kicks, often scratching her, pulling her hair and compelling her to sleep upon the floor. At the end of the first year of their married life she weighed but 86 pounds, her weight as a bride having been 128 pounds. She declares that she frequently contemplated suicide, but put aside her temptations for the sake of their little son.

WANTS HIS MONEY

ATTARIAN HAS DECLINED TRANSPORTATION OFFERED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17 — The American vice consul at Alexandretta telegraphs that Attarian has declined the transportation tendered him by the authorities until the latter refund him the cash seized at the time of his arrest.

The sum of $2500 was found on the person of Attarian at the time of his arrest.

WALL STREET GOSSIP.

10.10 a. m.—Opening dealings in stocks in the stock market were only in moderate volume and there were few changes of importance. Brooklyn Transit rose nearly a point. Sugar opened slightly lower but rallied and fluctuated rather uncertainly on the enactment of the Cuban treaty.

11 a. m.—The market displayed the same characteristics as yesterday, namely ostentatious bidding up of leading specialties while the railroads were neglected. Consolidated Gas responded with a rise of 2 points and Amalgamated, Sugar and Brooklyn Transit 1. Selling of Penna and St. Paul affected the entire list and railroads declined below yesterday's closing. Penna reacted from 117 1-2 to 116 5-8 and the rise in Sugar and Brooklyn Transit was cancelled. The market hardened again before the end of the hour.

Noon—Prices sagged again on a very apathetic demand with some special pressure on the coalers. Lackawanna, however, advanced 2¼ and Smelting pfd. a point. Metropolitan securities and Anaconda lost a point. Bonds were steady.

1 p. m.—United States Steel preferred's price crept up gradually until it had risen a point despite the heaviness of the list. Locomotive and General Electric gained a similar amount, and Consolidated Gas extended its rise to 4 points. The general market meanwhile was listless but sympathized slightly later when Sugar was put under pressure. That stock ran off a point below yesterday's final prices.

2 p. m.—Amalgamated, United States Steel pfd. and Brooklyn Transit, which had been conspicuously strong at various times fell back good fractions and the western stocks also became heavy. Changes were rather wider in the usually dormant stocks, North American for instance, losing 2½; New Jersey and Metropolitan Securities 2. About 2 o'clock United States Steel pfd. was bought in 1000 and 2000 share blocks and rose again to 54¼, with a steadying effect all around.

THE STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The stock market opened steady. Amalgamated Copper, 48¾; Atchison, 68½; Baltimore and Ohio, 79; Brooklyn Transit, 51¼; Erie, 29⅞; M. O. P., 93 3-8; Pennsylvania, 117½; Reading, 44¼; Rock Island, 25¾; Sugar, 124 to 124½; St. Paul, 142¾; Southern Pacific, 48¼; Southern Railway, 21; Union Pacific, 78⅞; U. S. Steel 10⅝; do pfd. 53¼.

MONEY ON CALL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Money on call steady at 5¼; mercantile paper, 6.

Exchanges, $203,652,721; balances, $7,258,899.

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THE SUN IN BOSTON—The two o'clock and five o'clock editions of The Sun are on sale every day at both newsstands in the Union station, Boston.

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THREE GOOD HUSTLERS wanted; must be ambitious men; who will work for promotion; experience not necessary; salary and commission; come at once. Apply 13 Merrimack square, room 1.

WANTED—A girl 16 or 17 or middle-aged woman to assist in housework and care of children. Mrs. Snow, Tolman avenue, second house on left.

WANTED—Protestant girl for general housework. Apply to 239 Stevens street, just off Westford street.

FREE—Six handsomely decorated tea cups and saucers, also beautifully dressed dolls and watches, etc., for selling only 15 10c packages of perfumery. Lowell Perfume Co., box 994, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—At once, an experienced girl for housework in small family. Apply at 167 Sixth street, corner of Vernon.

WANTED—A cook for boarding house. Apply 312 Market street.

TABLE GIRL wanted. 92 John street.

WANTED—1000 boys and girls to sell 20 waxing pads at 10c a package and receive a pair of club skates free of charge. Send name and address to Laundry Specialty Co., 83 Proctor street, South Framingham, Mass.

WANTED—A housekeeper, very little work. Apply Mr. Wilson, 37 Court street, Ayer City.

WANTED—Table girl at Mrs. Coughlin's, 712 Suffolk street.

WANTED—Men everywhere; good pay; to distribute circulars, adv. matter, tack signs etc.; no canvassing. National Adv. Bureau, Chicago.

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WANTED—To borrow $300 on personal property, good security, at reasonable rate; no brokers. Address D. 3, Sun office.

A. O. U. W.—This is important; send your name age and address to P. O. box 469, Lowell, Mass.

DRESSMAKER would like a few engagements by day or week or would take work home. Call between 7.30 and 9 p. m. 161 Warren street.

WANTED—Washing and ironing; first class work done by colored woman; taken home. Call at 104 Washington street.

WANTED—Sewing or repairing of all kinds; will go out by the day. Call or address 41 Cedar street.

WANTED—You to know that we give a beautiful quartered oak rocker, cobble bottom or velour seat, with $3 order tea, coffee, extracts, baking powder. Herrick Tea Co., 819 Central street. Makes beautiful Christmas present.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A pocketbook containing small sum of money. Owner can have by calling at 211 Church street.

LOST—Wednesday noon between 10th street and 141 Merrimack street, a German silver chatelaine bag containing small sum of money. Reward at 8 West 11th street.

FOUND—Gold locket. Owner can have by proving property and paying advertisement at this office.

LOST—A grey fur glove between Central and Market streets. Return to T. Gray, 19 Tolman avenue, and receive reward.

LOST—On Tuesday, a lady's gold watch between O'Donnell & Gilbride's store and Alder street. Finder will be rewarded by returning to Sun office.

FOUND—Chatelaine bag containing money and keys. Owner may get by proving ownership and paying for adv. at 244 Moody street.

LOST—A side bag containing money, keys and other articles. Return to Sun office and receive reward.

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FOR SALE—Double house on Elm street, must go; terms easy. Call at once at 8 Elm street or lose it.

FOR SALE—Cheap, on easy terms, the homestead of the late Samuel Greenwood, corner of Hale and Railroad streets, containing 8500 feet of land; well built cottage house in the best of repair; furnace heat, large barn and carriage house; room to put up a large block which would rent at a good profit; also an eight-room cottage house corner of Fay and Potter street. Inquire at Greenwood Bros., china store, 241 Central street.

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WANTED—Position by experienced stenographer; also knowledge of single entry. Address S., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation in private family or with doctor; will work reasonable for the winter. S. E. W., Sun office.

WANTED—By a young man, position as clerk in an office, with chance of advancement. Address Perseverance, Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by respectable young lady at housework in small family. Address A. R. A., Sun office.

WANTED—Situation by lady to do light housework; does not object to children. Call 18 Branch street.

WANTED—Situation at general housework in boarding house or for private family by capable and experienced young woman. Inquire Sun office.

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FOR SALE—Horse and team, value $250, may be had for $175; private family preferred. Apply Sun office.

FOR SALE—New range, open grate, chamber set, also other new furniture, cheap. 161 Warren street.

FRESH FISH of all kinds in season at low prices; oysters, clams, also salt fish of various kinds. 34 North street.

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FOR SALE—A lady wishes to sell some new silverware. Address C. J., Sun office.

PUPS for sale at Mr. Lynch's, next house to Foster school, Tewksbury Centre.

FOR SALE—Furnished boarding house full of boarders. Inquire at Sun office.

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FOR SALE—A variety store situated in a good business neighborhood, established trade of several years; an exceptionally fine place for one who dressmakes; poor health of owner reason for selling. For all particulars, terms, etc., inquire of E. H. Donovan, room 1, Swan block, 26 Central street. It may be your opportunity.

RUBBER STAMPS at wholesale prices; 1-in. one line stamps 15c; 1½ in., 20c; 35c ink pads, 25c; 25c ink pads, 15c; 50c linen markers 25c; business stamps, 15c per line. J. M. Fellows, 153 Merrimack street.

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$5 GIVEN AWAY—$5 worth of trading stamps given away with 1 lb. of our best Baking Powder at 50c; $5 worth with one pound of any kind of our 50c or 60c Tea; $2 worth with one pound of our famous 35c Coffee; this tea and coffee is worthy of attention; they are the best ever offered for the money. The Elwood Tea & Coffee Co., 337 Thorndike street, Davis square.

WHITE SEWING MACHINES. 378 Bridge St.—The Automatic drop machine is King; it is a real eyeopener; we sell the Queen also; we repair all kinds of sewing machines; give us a call.

HIGHLAND REMNANT STORE, 30 Pine street—We are showing a fine line of mercerized vestings, wash silks, Ottomans, Eddy silks, mercerized cheviots, basket goods, Barnaby ginghams for shirts, waists and suits; no finer line in the city and prices below all reason; there is nothing that will make any better Christmas present than a nice shirt waist; all colors guaranteed and patterns up to date; in fact, everything is the latest.

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W. S. WONG HO, 31 John street—All kinds of teas, children's toys, silks, China ware and fancy goods; low prices.

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NEW AND SECOND HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; also furniture moving done in a careful manner; always big bargains at our store. McGauvran Bros., Merrimack street, opp. City hall.

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MONEY TO LOAN on furniture, pianos and all personal property. Private office. (Strictly confidential.) Room 5, Swan building, 26 Central street.

MONEY ON CREDIT without security. Boarding houses, retail merchants, and salaried people; easy payments; lowest rates in the city. Merrimack Loan Co., 25 Associate building.

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MONEY TO LOAN at short notice on furniture, pianos, etc. Leases paid off and more money advanced. All business strictly confidential. Address W. E. Leinhas, room 9, Barristers-hall.

TO LET.

TO LET—Small tenement on Hildreth street. Apply at Pike's market, Middlesex and Howard streets.

TO RENT—Convenient 4-room tenement for small family. G. P. Walker, 344 Middlesex street.

TO LET—One 4-room and one 3-room tenement. Inquire at 51 Chestnut street.

TO LET—Furnished room with home conveniences; gas, heat and use of bath; private family. 522 Central street.

TO LET—Furnished rooms from 75c upwards at 70 and 78 Tyler street.

TO LET—Small tenements, 634 Broadway; rent low.

TO LET—Blacksmith shop fully equipped ready for business. Apply at 355 Lincoln street.

TO LET—Tenement of 5 rooms with or without barn. 15 Lombard street.

TO LET—A desirable house on South Canton street, all modern improvements, steam heat. Inquire at 942 Middlesex St.

TO LET—Stable. Inquire 64 Franklin street.

TENEMENTS in all parts of the city at all prices; we have several that will make extra warm, sunny homes for the winter. T. H. Elliott, 64 Central street.

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SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was

14,546

A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.
JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

We are glad to note that the superintendent of police has expressed determination to continue the enforcement of the no-license law until the first of May.

One cannot help remarking every time there is a contest between Harvard and any other college, be it football, rowing or other athletic sports the majority of people in this section are against Harvard. They openly express the hope that Harvard will be defeated, and when she meets defeat, as she usually does, there is great jubilation all over New England. Why is this? There must be something wrong with Harvard when it has no sympathy at home or very little abroad.

It used to be a standing joke on the fashionable dudes that they did not pay their tailor bills, but if half we hear about swell dressed ladies who promenade our streets in the richest of gowns that have not been paid for is true then the joke has passed from the dude to the society belle. The pitiful tales which some dressmakers tell about bills that are owed them by ladies who are supposed to have money enough to pay for what they wear would make interesting reading. It is rumored, however, that a great number of them will find their way into the public prints through court proceedings. There are several ways of living beyond one's means, but the meanest of all is to wear clothing that is not paid for.

WHAT CANADA NEEDS.

The Canadians are raising a great rumpus over the little strip of territory which John Bull recently ceded to the United States after a hearing before a competent arbitration tribunal. It is very unfortunate for Canada that John Bull did not cede the entire dominion to Uncle Sam. It would be the best thing that could possibly happen to Canada, and some day either by diplomacy, revolution or the pressure of trade, Canada will become United States territory. The Canadians have one of the finest undeveloped wheat growing tracts in the world, and if this territory were within the limits of the United States it would be yielding wheat enough to feed half the civilized world before this time. There are undeveloped mineral deposits in Canada that have not been worked because of oppressive conditions existing between Canada and the imperial government. All this mineral and agricultural wealth is waiting for the enterprise and capital of the progressive American. It will come sooner or later, and Canada will be prosperous and will have no occasion to quarrel with the mother country over the cession of an insignificant strip of land.

THE DUMMER STREET EXTENSION.

It is to be hoped that the city council will lay aside all personal considerations and treat the proposed Dummer street extension purely on its merits. The first consideration should be that of public convenience. Unless it is shown there is a real necessity for this extension it should be defeated. Even though we had a large surplus in the city treasury there are many other public improvements we should consider long before we would be justified in taking up the question of putting through a street where there is no necessity for it. The distance from Worthen street to the proposed extension is so short that it must be quite obvious to any thinking member of the government that the Dummer street extension has no standing as a matter of public convenience and necessity. The city is unfortunately in straitened circumstances financially. We are very near the borrowing limit and we tax all real and personal property to the full statutory limit for current expenses. Besides this tax levy we are obliged year after year to make large loans, to keep the various departments of the city in operation. To add to the city's indebtedness for any such needless project as the extension of Dummer street would be little short of criminal on the part of the city council. As we said in the beginning we hope they will look at the question purely on its merits without any regard whatever for the advantages which would accrue to private interests. We need new streets in other parts of the city; we need more sewers, we need more schools, more public parks and we should spend more money in keeping our streets clean and in safe condition. Indeed, there are many other things which we need but cannot afford at present. Under such circumstances we fail to see how the Dummer street extension can receive the slightest consideration at the hands of honest public servants.

THE CHARACTER OF A NEWSPAPER.

A newspaper, like an individual, must have some character, otherwise it cannot have any influence on public opinion. A man may be wealthy and even powerful, but if he is dishonest, vicious, cruel or immoral he fails to win the respect of his fellow-citizens. They may fear him for a time, but they do not respect him: they may pretend to honor him, but they are secretly opposed to him, and they hail with joy the hour when he passes away or his evil power is at an end.

So it is with a newspaper. Unless it has character, unless it is honest and sincere, it will have very little influence on the public mind. It may have circulation but that is of little advantage for as an advertising medium it is of no value whatsoever. No intelligent merchant cares to advertise in a newspaper which no one respects. A newspaper whose principal claim to public attention is that it makes a practice of abusing individuals, exploiting sensations, digging up scandals, etc., seldom appeals to the merchant who wishes to reach the respectable and responsible purchasing class in any community.

A newspaper that is read by the seekers after filth, is read by a class that has very little money to spend.

A newspaper that a man is ashamed to be seen reading and which he takes into dark corners and back alleys to read from fear that he may be caught in the act by decent people, may be a good medium for advertising certain kinds of goods, such as are bought by the very lowest classes, but it has no attraction for the merchant who advertises legitimate goods for the purpose of attracting reputable purchasers. Papers of this kind may thrive for a while by various deceptive practices, but sooner or later they find their level, and both the reading public and the advertisers in time give them a wide berth.

It matters not how filthy or abusive a newspaper may be, there is a certain class in every community that will read it eagerly and cry for more of the same kind. It matters not how yellow or how sensational it may be, it will always find yellow and sensational readers. It may resort to personal abuse, blackmail and slander and it will find in every community readers who like that sort of thing, but the paper that uses such methods seldom retains the confidence of the leading advertisers, who are the main support of the modern newspaper. They soon find out that they are throwing their money away by advertising in a paper that is read mainly for its so-called "knocking," sensationalism and scandals.

People buy newspapers to get the news and honest opinions on current topics. To thrust anything else upon an intelligent reader is to insult him, and he soon resents it. The province of a journalist is to print the news and to discuss public questions according to his lights for the benefit of his readers. The newspaper blackguard or blackmailer never was and never will be a successful journalist. To prostitute a great engine of moral progress like the press to any such purpose is a public outrage. It has never been a business success and it never will be.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Italian Shot and Killed Man and Woman

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—A quarrel over six cents, the charge for a pool game, resulted in the murder of two persons in the Italian quarter yesterday. The dead are Mary Mutza, aged 40 years, and Antonio Lesta, 25 years of age. The man who did the killing is Nicholas Miyo, aged sixty years. He is under arrest.

The pool room was owned by Mary Mutza, who hired Miyo to manage it for her. Yesterday afternoon Antonio Lesta, with his two cousins, Louis and Antonio Lesta, played several games of pool in the place. A dispute arose between Antonio Lesta and Miyo over the payment of one game. Miyo asserted he was being cheated which charge so angered Lesta that he seized the old man's cap and tore it in half. Miyo drew his revolver and shot Lesta through the head. He died almost instantly. The noise of the shooting brought the proprietress to the room. She upbraided Miyo for what he had done and his only reply was two shots from his revolver. One bullet entered her breast and the other her arm. She died on the way to a hospital.

FORGED RECORD

Of Marriage Claimed by Mrs. Murphy

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Evidence tending to show that a forgery was committed in the entry in the records of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic church, New York city, of the marriage of Baron August Von Glahn and Mrs. Martha McCabe, was produced in the county court here yesterday by David N. Carvalho, the New York handwriting expert. The evidence was brought out in the hearing of a case begun by Mrs. Anna Murphy, of New York city, to have the inheritance tax reduced on a legacy left her by Bernhard Von Glahn. Mrs. Murphy declared that she is the legal daughter of Baron Von Glahn and Mrs. McCabe, and that her father, while still married, came to Chicago and married again. Baron Von Glahn died over a quarter of a century ago, leaving a fortune of $300,000 in real estate.

By the evidence of Mr. Carvelho the defense attempted to show that the entry on the records was in the handwriting of Mrs. Murphy and that it was a forgery and that the charge that Baron Von Gahn had led a dual life was false. A number of letters which had been written by Mrs. Murphy were produced and Carvelho declared in his opinion that the writer of the record and the letters were the same person.

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CAUGHT IN ACT

Brown Student Robbed Other Students

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—Ralph E. Bancroft of Stoneham, Mass., a freshman in Brown university, was detected yesterday afternoon in the act of stealing money from a pair of trousers hanging in the locker room of the gymnasium at the university. After some questioning Bancroft admitted that he had stolen various sums aggregating about $75. He was arrested by members of the local detective department.

Bancroft in college was a quiet man and apparently had no bad habits. He was an active worker in the Hope Street Methodist church and acted as leader of the Epworth League meeting three weeks ago Sunday.

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McKAY WILL

MRS. HARRIETT FOSTER OPPOSES ALLOWANCE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Through her counsel, G. W. Anderson, Mrs. Harriett Foster of Concord, N. H., a cousin of Gordon McKay, yesterday filed in the Suffolk probate court an appearance in opposition to the allowance of the will and six codicils of the millionaire inventor. The will and codicils are scheduled for proof before the probate court for Suffolk county.

When the will and codicils were filed some weeks ago, a citation was issued to interested parties to have them show cause yesterday if they had any, why the will and codicils should not be allowed. Several days ago Nellie S. Abbott of Concord, N. H., filed an appearance through her counsel, objecting to the allowance of the instrument. From the petition for the probate of the will and its codicils, the testator's two sons appear to be his only heirs at law and next of kin.

Mr. McKay, whose death took place at Newport a few months ago, left $1,000,000 outright to Harvard and a residue of his estate for the promotion of applied sciences. Annuities aggregating $48,600 were also left, to be divided among Mrs. Marion Von Bruning, Victor and Robert McKay and 15 other persons.

Have a look at the Oriental Bazaar.

HARVARD COACHES

AN ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPING FOOTBALL MATERIAL.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—For the purpose of establishing a definite policy and system of development of football material from year to year, there was held at the Union club last night a meeting of 38 former Harvard football coaches, and after some discussion an organization was formed to be known as the Harvard football graduates association. Among those who made brief speeches were W. Cameron Forbes, Percy Haughton, R. D. Wrenn, C. D. Daly, Roland Boyden, A. F. Holden and Prof. White.

The football situation was discussed at length and it was decided that besides carrying out a definite policy the new association would attempt to settle any difficulties which might arise with other colleges and investigate the eligibility of players. It was stated that the association would act as a judicial rather than as an executive body. It was also stated after the meeting that the coach system will be continued as heretofore, and that there will be no revolution in any of the methods of the development of football material.

Although a constitution was adopted only an executive committee of six members was elected. The members are as follows:

E. N. Washington '97, R. D. Wrenn '95, W. Cameron Forbes '92, J. W. Hallowell '00, M. T. Reed '01 and Malcolm Donald '02.

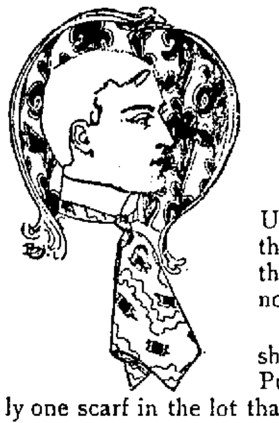
ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Owing to the cancellation of the company which was to play at the Academy of Music during the latter part of this week, this popular show house will be dark during Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but will reopen on Monday of next week with the Indian Maidens, one of the leading burlesque shows on the road.

The show which Manager Murphy had booked for the last three nights was not considered up to the standard and rather than serve a poor show he decided to close the house.

COMEDY AT THE CASTO.

For a pleasing and amusing two hours' enjoyment nothing can surpass the program at the Casto Theatre, this week, for the comedy which is presented is of the best and brightest, and the singing and dancing excellent. Jane Courthope and Charles Forrester, in the comedy "A Fisherman's Luck," head the bill, and this act alone is worth the price of admission. Green trading stamps are given free with every orchestra ticket.



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Tourist Overcoats

they are called; made from heavy fancy Scotch overcoatings in stunning plaids and mixtures, cut 52 inches in length, broad shouldered—and with plenty of swing and style—half belt in the back — the remainder of these lots that were $18 and $20, now . **$15**

(Some other Tourist Overcoats now down to $8 and $10.)

Little Boys' Overcoats

trimmed with Astrachan about the collar and the cuffs, closing with silk frogs; fancy frieze and Zibelines in green, blue and brown. The prettiest novelties we have in our stock—were $8 and $9, all reduced for the holidays to . . **$5**

Sole Leather Suit Cases

made with steel frames, lined with linen, sadler sewn, heavy protected corners, fine brass locks and finished with patent clasps or straps—in 22 inch $4.50; 24 inch $4.75; or lined with plush up to . . . **$7.50**

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properly cut and properly made—of plain tricot, in brown or blue and in a great variety of reversible cloths; quiet dark colors predominating. A splendid selection of excellent house garments in thoroughly good qualities **$5 to $12**

Men's and Boys' Blanket Wraps

Thoroughly useful garments, made from handsome blankets, the richest from the imported handsome Austrians. These are all made very long and cut full, so that they are wraps in the fullest sense of the word.

Men's wraps from $5 to $15
Boys' wraps for $4.00

Men's Umbrellas

with distinctive handles of selected natural wood, horn and carved ivory; all made on high grade paragon frames; the coverings of fine Carola, or tested silk. Each umbrella with case and neatly boxed **98c to $8**

Silk Suspenders Boxed, 50 cents

A fascinating stock of high class suspenders for a very small price. All of the newest designs, and of excellent quality. Very handsome metal mounts—a large showing for **50c.**

(Finer qualities $1 and $1.50.)

Dress Suit Protectors

of silk or satin, with white silk lining—made plain or with plaits, with standing collars or without collars useful articles that make most acceptable gifts,

$1 and $1.50

Women's Umbrellas

chosen for durability as well as for the beauty of the mounts. The coverings of these umbrellas we know to be thoroughly good and sensible, as only those silks have been selected that we know will give satisfactory wear; this is a point too often overlooked in buying holiday umbrellas. The handles are new and represent the latest conceits in pearl, ivory and sterling silver — all with covers and neatly boxed—

Carolas 75c.
Taffeta Silk $1.00.
And up to $6.00.

HEAVY FIGHTING

GOING ON AT SANTIAGO FOR TWO DAYS.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Dec. 17.—According to a special despatch received here, heavy fighting has been going on at Santiago for the last two days, in which the revolutionists were repulsed.

The government has advised all families to leave the city. President Morales is constantly expected at Santiago. Telegraphic communication with San Domingo is interrupted and this place is therefore without news from the capital. Gen. Jimnez is still at Monte Cristo.

PLEASANT GATHERING.

The members of last season's Mohair Reserve cricket team of this city held a very enjoyable gathering last evening at residence of Hugh Rudden and amongst other business discussed was the question of holding a leap year party and it was decided to hold this social function in Highland hall on January 2 for members and their families and invited guests. It is likely the medals won emblematic of the championship of the Central Massachusetts league, will be presented on this occasion. The members of the club have received invitation to join in a body several clubs but have as yet taken no final action in the matter.

U. S. WARSHIP

MAY TAKE COLOMBIAN ENVOY HOME.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—It was said at the navy department yesterday that the question of placing a warship at the disposal of Gen. Rafael Reyes, the Colombian special envoy to convey him home when he shall have completed his mission, had not yet been taken up by the state department or navy department. The navy department is prepared to respond promptly, in case the state department decides to offer General Reyes this courtesy.

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DOUBLE STAMPS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

HEATH SCORED

Report on the Tulloch Charges Made Public

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte on the charges made by S. W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city post office, against the administration of that office was made public yesterday.

Under instructions from the president, the report views the Tulloch charges "from a legal standpoint."

The report begins with a brief history and nature of Tulloch charges and says:

"The 'Tulloch charges' have never been, properly speaking, investigated at all. We have been repeatedly confronted in our inquiry with an assertion on the one side and a denial on the other as to the question of fact, with no sufficient means at our command to determine which statement we could advise you to believe.

"The tendency to evade answering these charges evinced by these replying to the postmaster general's request for such answers," the report says, "is illustrated very forcibly by the charges against Perry S. Heath, formerly assistant postmaster general, which have been heretofore made public and his answers to them.

"We consider this answer," it continues, "altogether insufficient and no less unsatisfactory in substance and in form."

Continuing, the report says the revision of Postmaster Willet's accounts of itself is sufficient to allow that Mr. Health's official record is not to clear as to defy suspicion. It adds:

"Moreover, the confidential report of Inspector-in-Charge Smith, and the special report of Inspector Little tends so strongly to sustain some of the most serious charges made by Mr. Tulloch against Mr. Health that it is quite impossible to dispose of these charges by calling them 'lies out of the whole cloth,' especially when we remember that the confidential report is stated by Inspector Smith to set forth irregularities discovered by himself and that the special report was prepared a whole year after Mr. Tulloch had left the office.

The reasonable inference to be drawn from Mr. Heath's complete failure to meet full and explicitly accusations which charged him with many acts of doubtful propriety added to the facts appearing from the record evidence laid before us, oblige us to say that at least a strong prima facie case is presented of wilful and reckless disregard by the late first assistant postmaster general of obligations imposed upon him by the regulations of his own department, as well as by the statutes of the United States and we feel it our duty to add that suspicion of his personal integrity must be inevitably aroused in our judgment by an impartial consideration of the faults submitted to us and of his plainly inadequate explanations."

The report takes up in detail the charges of improper appointments of subordinates and improper disbursements of public funds, contained in the Tulloch charges, and after analysis concludes:

"So far as is indicated by the papers submitted to us, the persons directly responsible for these fraudulent employments were Messrs. Perry S. Heath and George W. Beavers, neither of whom is now in the public service. It seems clear, however, that this responsibility extends, in some measure, to the late postmaster general, who appears to have at least tolerated the practice after notice of its existence and to the late and present postmasters at Washington, each of whom appears to have accepted the transfer to his office of a number of persons thus employed without, so far as is shown, any protest or exposure, facts substantially admitted as to himself in Dr. Merritt's letter of June 29."

The improper disbursement of public funds receives considerable space in the report and in this connection, Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte go somewhat outside of the Tulloch charges.

In summing up the report says:

"The discussion of the 'Tulloch charges' has revealed the existence of deplorable and gravely discreditable abuses during the years 1898 and 1899 and 1900 in the Washington post office and the office of the first assistant postmaster general. The evidence laid before us suggests the possibility and even probability, but does not prove that abuses may have continued both in the department and in the post office subsequent to the early summer of 1900 when we lost sight of them and that in connection therewith criminal acts may have been committed within the period of limitations.

The persons primarily responsible for the above mentioned abuses and the resulting scandals appear to have been Perry S. Heath, then first assistant postmaster general, and George W. Beavers, then chief of the salaries and allowance division, neither of whom is now in the service of the United States.

Give Your Eyes a Christmas Present of a Pair of Glasses Have them Examined by Mr. McEvoy at the New England Optical Co. 232 Merrimack Street

We're Caterers
to the
Christmas Wants
of the
Children

We have a larger and better assortment this year than ever.

BARTLETT & DOW
216 Central St.

Here's the Trade Event of the Season

GREAT CHRISTMAS BARGAINS
—IN—
Furniture

We have no time to quote prices; call and see for yourself.

CARPETS, RUGS, MIRRORS, SIDEBOARDS, OIL STOVES, RANGES, PARLOR STOVES, PICTURES, SPRING BEDS, MATTRESSES, COMFORTERS, ETC.

Loss falls on all the above goods with a heavy thud. We are the champions at cutting prices. Our store is the poor man's paradise.

Remember the place,

JOHN CARTER Proprietor
MIDDLESEX STREET

Any book not in stock cheerfully ordered at Lawler's.

WOMEN VOTED

ALL POLITICAL CALCULATIONS WERE UPSET.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Dec. 17.—The first of the commonwealth general elections at which women exercised the right of suffrage was held yesterday, with the result that all political calculations were upset. The struggle was chiefly over the fiscal question. The government favored protection and the opposition supported free trade and the labor party agreed to sink the question of fiscal differences with a view to securing the balance of power, which they virtually held in the last parliament. The women voters cast a heavy ballot in support of the labor ticket, the result being that the labor party won many seats.

Diaries for 1904. Lawler's.

BOXING GOSSIP

Tomorrow night's smoke talk at the Riverview Athletic club is the principal topic of discussion among the sports these days. Martin Flaherty, the manager of the club, has made special efforts to make this meeting of the club a grand success and judging from the nature of the program his hopes are to be realized. The principal event will be Charlie Armstrong and the Black Fitzsimmons, the usual number of rounds, and Kid Flannery against another 105-pound man. Then there will be other bouts and singing, etc.

Teachers' Bibles for 98 cents. Lawler's.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

At the regular meeting of the Centralville I. O. O. F. last evening, the second degree was conferred upon three candidates.

On Jan. 20 the officers of the Grand lodge will visit Centralville lodge, and upon the same evening, Lawrence lodge of Lawrence will be guests of Centralville lodge and an exemplification of the third degree will be given by a staff of past grands.

TROLLEY PARTY.

The Colonial Athletic club of Woburn held a trolley party to this city last night and enjoyed a dancing party in Associate hall. A large number of Lowell friends of the club were present and music for the dancing was furnished by Flanagan's orchestra. The affair was under the direction of the following officers of the club: D. J. McColgan, president; L. E. Ward, secretary; J. F. Harrington, treasurer.

HAHNEMANN CLUB

Discussed Defects in School Children

WITH LOCAL EDUCATORS AS GUESTS

The Club Met With Dr. Martin

The Lowell Hahnemann club met last evening at the residence of Dr. G. Forrest Martin, 45 Harvard street, and had as its guests several of the grammar school masters, High school teachers and other friends.

Dr. G. L. Van Deursen, president of the club, called to order and for the benefit of the guests stated that the Hahnemann club was organized 22 years ago in the office of Dr. H. M. Hunter and that of the original members, only Drs. Packer, Leland and Holt remain. It has extended its membership to include physicians throughout the Merrimack valley and hence its meetings are held less frequently than when only Lowell doctors were members.

This meeting, he said, was under the charge of the bureau of special senses and he requested Dr. Martin, chairman of the committee, to preside.

Dr. Martin said it is believed by physicians that the failure of many children in school work is due not to dullness as is commonly believed, but to defective sight or hearing.

Because of this belief he said, the committee had invited two eminent specialists to address the meeting upon the subjects of "The Ear" and "The Eye."

Dr. Howard P. Bellows of Boston was the first speaker and his address dealt with "The Ear." He pointed out the consideration due pupils whose hearing is defective. They are liable he said to all sorts of misconceptions. They are considered dull, stubborn and even malicious and they become discouraged if they fail to pass examinations.

Two methods of testing the hearing of school children were suggested, with a watch and with the voice. It was suggested, too, that the very front seats in the class should always be reserved for the pupils with defective hearing, and if one ear is defective, the pupil should be placed in the most advantageous position for hearing the instruction. It should be remembered that the pupils, whether under treatment or not, do not remain in the same condition. Their hearing is worse when they take cold, and the seating arrangements should be changed, according to their needs. Three or four testings in the course of the year would be necessary, in order to get the best results.

Dr. Bellows also urged the proper consideration of the child's defective hearing, by the parents, and gave suggestions as to care and treatment.

Dr. David W. Wells of Boston, an eminent eye specialist, was the next speaker. In opening he spoke of the evolution of the eye. In regard to the eyes of school children he said that work in this line was begun in Germany 60 years ago, and from statistics compiled in that time it has been learned that from 15 to 30 per cent. of all school children have defects that seriously interfere with their proper instruction. Nearsightedness increases as school years advance and is preventable in many cases with proper attention.

Teachers often fail to understand a child's condition and put him down as "stupid," but in reform school it is found that a large percentage of the inmates have defective sight or hearing.

The ideal method of obviating these difficulties, he said, would be to engage an oculist, but as public opinion is not quite ripe for that the examination can be made by charts and reports.

An examination of school children at Hyde Park showed 30 per cent. with defective vision. He thought the time was not ripe for a state law compelling this work to be done. A good deal of volunteer work must be done first. The movement, at any rate, should come from the educators, and not from the physicians. There are certain essentials necessary to success, but where these essentials are secured, the plan as outlined is perfectly practicable. It is necessary to have an enthusiastic superintedent, and this, the speaker said, Lowell certainly possesses. The next essential is the conversion of the school board, to the belief that this is the proper thing to do. The cooperation of parents is also necessary.

Dr. Wells closed by reading, as a suggestion for the overcoming of all these possible obstacles, the poem by Charlotte Perkins Stetson, entitled "The Obstacle."

Supt. Whitcomb spoke briefly and refreshments and a social hour followed the speaking.

IRON-OX
Tablets
For the Bowels.

Not purgative nor cathartic, but gently laxative and tonic. For sale by druggists. 25 cents.

1000 Full Size Bottles of Crest-All (No-Cold, No-Cough) Given Away Absolutely Free at the Zopher Drug Store Central Cor. Middlesex Sts.

To the first 1000 men and women who apply at our store on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18th and 19th, will be given a FULL SIZE bottle of CREST-ALL (no-cold-no-cough) free. We, the undersigned, heartily recommend the same to all who need such a remedy. Charles Trombly, President and William Sturtevant, Treasurer of the Zopher Drug Co. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass., sole proprietors.

Desk blotters with silver corners. Lawler's.

FRANKLIN CLUB

WINS THE DEBATE WITH MEN'S LEAGUE.

A public debate between the Benjamin Franklin Debating society and the Men's league of the First Congregational church of Dracut, was held at the church last night. This was the first open debate of the season of the local club, while it was the first ever held by the Dracut organization. There was a large and appreciative audience to enjoy the debate and the decision which was in favor of the Franklin Debating society was received with general satisfaction.

The winning team was composed of Messrs. Addison E. Avery, Winfred C. McBrayne and Harold Caverly. The speakers for the Men's League were Messrs. George H. Stevens, Harry Mozley and Peter Bolton.

The debate was upon the single tax question and the subject was worded, "Resolved: That all taxes should be abolished save one single tax levied on the value of land irrespective of the improvements in or on it." The Lowell boys upheld the negative.

The popular games of Pit and Flinch. Lawler's.

J. E. Searle, draftsman of the Lowell machine shop, is to leave their employ, after having served them for over ten years.

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Suggestions for Christmas Presents From Various Depts. of Our Mammoth Store

The Broadest, Best, Most Complete Stocks at Attractively Low Prices. Double Stamps Every Day This Week and Saturday Evening. In Addition to Double Stamps Several Departments Will Give Extra Stamps to Purchasers Friday and Saturday. Read the Extra Stamp Offers in Glove, Men's Furnishing, Handkerchief, Umbrella and Waisting Departments. You May Buy Here With the Firm Assurance That You Are Selecting from the Best That Money, Brains and Intelligent Buying Can Procure.

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Thousands of Dozens in Silk, Linen and Swiss at Attractively Low Prices.

Ladies' Plain, all Linen, Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	5c to 50c Each
Ladies' fancy hemstitched, embroidered, scallbped or lace edges	10c to $5.00 Each
Silk Malta Lace Handkerchiefs	$1.00 to $5.00 Each
French Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs	50c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Boxes of 6 Handkerchiefs in a box	75c to $8.00 per Box
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs	12½ to 50c Each
Men's plain, all linen, hemstitched Handkerchiefs	5c to 75c Each
Men's Jap Silk Handkerchiefs	25c to $2.00 Each

An Extra Stamp Offer from Handkerchief Dept. Friday and Saturday.

All persons buying Handkerchiefs amounting to $1.00 or more will receive an extra $1.00 worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Christmas Umbrellas

An Immense Variety of Fancy Handles.

Men or Women's Umbrellas, mercerized covering, natural wood handles, sterling trimmed	At $1.00 Each
Men or Women's Gloria Umbrellas, fancy handles	At $1.50 Each
Men or Women's Taffeta Covered Umbrellas, plain or fancy handles	At $2.50 Each
Men or Women's Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, hem or tape edge, gold, silver or pearl handles	At $3.50 Each
Men or Women's Lavantine Silk Umbrellas, gold, silver, burnt ivory, horn or pearl handles	At $5.00 Each

Here is a Liberal Stamp Offer from Umbrella Department Friday and Saturday.

Every purchaser of an Umbrella Friday or Saturday will receive an extra dollar's worth of stamps in addition to double stamps allowed all purchasers.

Bric-a-Brac and Fancy China

Artistic Vases and Ornaments	10c to $11.00 Each
Jardinieres	10c to $7.00 Each
Fancy Pedestals	$2.50 to $30.00 Each
Oriental Figures and Busts	50c to $5.00 Each
A varied collection of Masks for Mens' Dens	$1.00 to $2.50 Each
Fancy Lamps, gas or oil	$2.50 to $15.00 Each
Chocolate, Ice Cream or Berry Sets	$1.00 to $8.00 Per Set
Fancy Plates, Cups or Saucers	10c to $2.25 Each
Fancy Salads and Comports	25c to $3.00 Each
Water and Wine Sets	75c to $3.00 Each

Leather Articles

A Splendid Variety at Reasonable Prices.

Fitted Wrist Bags	49c to $5.00 Each
Velvet Chatelaine Bags	$1.50 to $5.50 Each
Leather Hand Bags	49c to $5.00 Each
Leather Chatelaine Bags	21c to $5.50 Each
Pocket Books	5c to $5.00 Each
Card Cases	50c to $2.00 Each
Cigar Cases	98c to $3.00 Each
Men's Bill Books	50c to $3.50 Each

In addition to our showing of Leather Goods we have an excellent collection of green cloth or Felt Bags used so extensively by students or professional men. At prices ranging from 25c to $1.50 Each

Men's Furnishing Dept.

The Best Equipped Department in Lowell can be found in this Store.

Bath Robes	$2.75 to $10.50 Each
Neckwear	12½c to $1.00 Each
Fancy Suspenders	25c to $1.50 a Pair
Fancy Arm Elastics	12½c to $1.00 a Pair
Full Dress Shields	75c to $2.50 Each
Lined or Unlined Gloves	$1.00 to $5.00 a Pair
Mufflers	50c to $2.00 Each
Pajamas	98c to $2.00 a Pair
Fancy Night Shirts	50c to $1.50 Each
Men or Boys' Sweaters	$1.00 to $2.50 Each

An Extraordinary Stamp Offer for Friday or Saturday.

Every purchaser of a Gents' Bath Robe will receive an extra $2.00 worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Jewelry Department.

Beautiful New Designs at Exceptionally Low Prices.

Gold Filled Lockets	98c to $3.00 Each
Gold Filled Neck Chains	98c to $5.00 Each
Monogram Hat Pins	49c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Collar Pins	25c to $2.00 Each
Fancy Brooch Pins	25c to $5.00 Each
Bavina Diamonds	50c to $10.00 Each
Men's Scarf Pins	49c to $5.00 Each
Ladies' Belt Buckles	25c to $3.00 Each
Ladies' Belt Pins	25c to $2.00 Each
Children's Rings	25c to $3.00 Each

Fancy Waistings

We have several hundred patterns 3½ yards in a pattern of white mercerized waistings in very pretty designs, put up in fancy boxes, suitable for Christmas gifts At $1.00 Per Pattern

Another lot of pretty white goods, 40 dierent designs, put up in fancy boxes, suitable for Christmas gifts At 75c Each

Every purchaser of a waist pattern Friday or Saturday will receive an extra one dollar's worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Toilet Department

Every reputable brand may be found here at prices that are right.

Fancy Bottles of Perfume	25c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Mirrors	25c to $2.50 Each
Complete Toilet Sets at	89c to $2.75 Each
Fancy Baby Sets in celluloid	$2.00 Each
Celluloid Puff or Soap Boxes	25c and 50c Each
Ladies' Silk Garters	25c to $1.25 a Pair
Celluloid Glove or Handkerchief Boxes	25c to 50c Each
Silk or Fancy Braid Girdle Belts	75c to $1.69 Each
Fancy Pin Cushions	25c to $2.00 Each
Silk or Gauze Spangled Fans	50c to $2.00 Each
Shell Combs, Barrettes or Hair Pins	10c to $1.50 Each

Toys, Dolls and Games

No Better Collection Anywhere. Prices Exceptionally Low.

Toy Type Writers	$1.00 to $2.50 Each
Toy Pianos	25c to $3.00 Each
Iron Toys of every kind	5c to $3.00 Each
Boys' Drums	15c to $2.00 Each
Dolls, dressed or undressed	10c to $10.00 Each
Mechanical Toys	10c to $2.00 Each
All the new games	5c to $2.00 Each
Boys' or Girls' Sleds	50c to $2.00 Each
Rocking Horses	50c to $10.00 Each
Express Carts or Wheelbarrows	25c to $2.00 Each

FANCY BASKETS.

In connection with our toy dept. we are showing a splendidly selected stock of Work or Waste Baskets from 25c to $5.00 Each

Ladies' Kid Gloves

You will find here all the reputable brands and fashionable colors including the Mannish Cape Glove in tans, London reds and oak shades.

We have several expert fitters at your service if you desire fitting.

With every pair of Kid Gloves sold from now until Christmas we will give a very pretty glove box.

Prices are $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00

Here is an extra stamp offer from Glove Dept. With every pair of Kid Gloves sold Friday and Saturday we will give an extra dollar's worth of stamps in addition to double stamps.

Furniture Department

A Large and Varied Stock to Choose From. All New Pieces.

Turkish Leather Rockers	$30.00 to $50.00 Each
Oak or Mahogany Desk Chairs	$3.00 to $15.00 Each
Piano Chairs, all colors	$3.50 to $6.00 Each
Parlor Cabinets in mahogany	$18.00 to $50.00 Each
Oak or Mahogany Pedestals	$4.00 to $30.00 Each
Parlor Tables in a variety of woods	$2.00 to $40.00 Each
Belding Hall Card Tables, felt top	$2.75 Each
Children's Rockers	75c to $6.00 Each
Children's High Chairs	98c to $7.00 Each
Clothes Poles, wood or brass	75c to $12.00 Each
Parlor Chairs, excellent styles	$4.00 to $50.00 Each
Chiffonieres in oak, mahogany or maple	$4.00 to $50.00 Each
Ladies' Toilet Tables	$9.50 to $40.00 Each
Couches and Morris Chairs	$4.98 to $50.00 Each
Music Racks and Cabinets	$1.98 to $25.00 Each

Book Department

Adjoining Cloak Department. 2d Floor.

Children's Toy Books	5c to 50c Each
Boys' and Girls' Books, a splendid collection	25c and 49c Each
Webster's 20th Century Dictionary	$1.50 Each
The Poems of popular poets in padded bindings	69c Each
An excellent collection of popular Books in roycroft, burnt leather and ooze bindings	75c to $1.10 Each
A varied collection of sets 5 or 6 books each, including such authors as Kipling, Southworth, Corelli, Holmes, Caine and Hugo	At $1.49 Per Set
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More than 200 titles in popular fiction	49c Each
In addition to above we have all the new books of fiction, including Gordon Keith, Little Shepard, Heart of Rome, Rebecca and others	At $1.10 Each

Ladies' Bath Robes and Dressing Sacques.

In Eiderdown or Flannelette.

Eiderdown Bath Robes	$3.49 to $7.50 Each
Eiderdown Dressing Sacques	75c to $2.98 Each
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Flannelette Long Kimonas	98c to $1.49 Each

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SWORN CIRCULATION FOR NOVEMBER

The sworn daily average circulation of the Lowell Sun for the month of November, 1903, was **14,546** A gain of 1039 copies per day over the average for the year of 1902.

Sworn to by Martin H. Reidy, business manager, and Alfred Pilotte, pressman of The Sun, before me, December 1, 1903.

JOHN J. HOGAN, Notary Public.

☞This is a larger circulation than the combined circulation of all the other daily papers in Lowell.

☞An advertisement placed in The Sun is of more value to the advertiser than if it were inserted in all the other newspapers in Lowell, and the cost of inserting it in The Sun is about ONE THIRD the price charged by the other papers.

We are glad to note that the superintendent of police has expressed determination to continue the enforcement of the no-license law until the first of May.

One cannot help remarking every time there is a contest between Harvard and any other college, be it football, rowing or other athletic sports the majority of people in this section are against Harvard. They openly express the hope that Harvard will be defeated, and when she meets defeat, as she usually does, there is great jubilation all over New England. Why is this? There must be something wrong with Harvard when it has no sympathy at home or very little abroad.

It used to be a standing joke on the fashionable dudes that they did not pay their tailor bills, but if half we hear about swell dressed ladies who promenade our streets in the richest of gowns that have not been paid for is true then the joke has passed from the dude to the society belle. The pitiful tales which some dressmakers tell about bills that are owed them by ladies who are supposed to have money enough to pay for what they wear would make interesting reading. It is rumored, however, that a great number of them will find their way into the public prints through court proceedings. There are several ways of living beyond one's means, but the meanest of all is to wear clothing that is not paid for.

WHAT CANADA NEEDS.

The Canadians are raising a great rumpus over the little strip of territory which John Bull recently ceded to the United States after a hearing before a competent arbitration tribunal. It is very unfortunate for Canada that John Bull did not cede the entire dominion to Uncle Sam. It would be the best thing that could possibly happen to Canada, and some day either by diplomacy, revolution or the pressure of trade, Canada will become United States territory. The Canadians have one of the finest undeveloped wheat growing tracts in the world, and if this territory were within the limits of the United States it would be yielding wheat enough to feed half the civilized world before this time. There are undeveloped mineral deposits in Canada that have not been worked because of oppressive conditions existing between Canada and the imperial government. All this mineral and agricultural wealth is waiting for the enterprise and capital of the progressive American. It will come sooner or later, and Canada will be prosperous and will have no occasion to quarrel with the mother country over the cession of an insignificant strip of land.

THE DUMMER STREET EXTENSION.

It is to be hoped that the city council will lay aside all personal considerations and treat the proposed Dummer street extension purely on its merits. The first consideration should be that of public convenience. Unless it is shown there is a real necessity for this extension it should be defeated. Even though we had a large surplus in the city treasury there are many other public improvements we should consider long before we would be justified in taking up the question of putting through a street where there is no necessity for it. The distance from Worthen street to the proposed extension is so short that it must be quite obvious to any thinking member of the government that the Dummer street extension has no standing as a matter of public convenience and necessity. The city is unfortunately in straitened circumstances financially. We are very near the borrowing limit and we tax all real and personal property to the full statutory limit for current expenses. Besides this tax levy we are obliged year after year to make large loans, to keep the various departments of the city in operation. To add to the city's indebtedness for any such needless project as the extension of Dummer street would be little short of criminal on the part of the city council. As we said in the beginning we hope they will look at the question purely on its merits without any regard whatever for the advantages which would accrue to private interests. We need new streets in other parts of the city; we need more sewers, we need more schools, more public parks and we should spend more money in keeping our streets clean and in safe condition. Indeed, there are many other things which we need but cannot afford at present. Under such circumstances we fail to see how the Dummer street extension can receive the slightest consideration at the hands of honest public servants.

THE CHARACTER OF A NEWSPAPER.

A newspaper, like an individual, must have some character, otherwise it cannot have any influence on public opinion. A man may be wealthy and even powerful, but if he is dishonest, vicious, cruel or immoral he fails to win the respect of his fellow-citizens. They may fear him for a time, but they do not respect him; they may pretend to honor him, but they are secretly opposed to him, and they hail with joy the hour when he passes away or his evil power is at an end.

So it is with a newspaper. Unless it has character, unless it is honest and sincere, it will have very little influence on the public mind. It may have circulation but that is of little advantage for as an advertising medium it is of no value whatsoever. No intelligent merchant cares to advertise in a newspaper which no one respects. A newspaper whose principal claim to public attention is that it makes a practice of abusing individuals, exploiting sensations, digging up scandals, etc., seldom appeals to the merchant who wishes to reach the respectable and responsible purchasing class in any community.

A newspaper that is read by the seekers after filth, is read by a class that has very little money to spend.

A newspaper that a man is ashamed to be seen reading and which he takes into dark corners and back alleys to read from fear that he may be caught in the act by decent people, may be a good medium for advertising certain kinds of goods, such as are bought by the very lowest classes, but it has no attraction for the merchant who advertises legitimate goods for the purpose of attracting reputable purchasers. Papers of this kind may thrive for a while by various deceptive practices, but sooner or later they find their level, and both the reading public and the advertisers in time give them a wide berth.

It matters not how filthy or abusive a newspaper may be, there is a certain class in every community that will read it eagerly and cry for more of the same kind. It matters not how yellow or how sensational it may be, it will always find yellow and sensational readers. It may resort to personal abuse, blackmail and slander and it will find in every community readers who like that sort of thing, but the paper that uses such methods seldom retains the confidence of the leading advertisers, who are the main support of the modern newspaper. They soon find out that they are throwing their money away by advertising in a paper that is read mainly for its so-called "knocking," sensationalism and scandals.

People buy newspapers to get the news and honest opinions on current topics. To thrust anything else upon an intelligent reader is to insult him, and he soon resents it. The province of a journalist is to print the news and to discuss public questions according to his lights for the benefit of his readers. The newspaper blackguard or blackmailer never was and never will be a successful journalist. To prostitute a great engine of moral progress like the press to any such purpose is a public outrage. It has never been a business success and it never will be.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Italian Shot and Killed Man and Woman

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—A quarrel over six cents, the charge for a pool game, resulted in the murder of two persons in the Italian quarter yesterday. The dead are Mary Maiza, aged 40 years, and Antonio Lesta, 25 years of age. The man who did the killing is Nicholas Miyo, aged sixty years. He is under arrest.

The pool room was owned by Mary Maiza, who hired Miyo to manage it for her. Yesterday afternoon Antonio Lesta, with his two cousins, Louis and Antonio Lesta, played several games of pool in the place. A dispute arose between Antonio Lesta and Miyo over the payment of one game. Miyo asserted he was being cheated which charge so angered Lesta that he seized the old man's cap and tore it in half. Miyo drew his revolver and shot Lesta through the head. He died almost instantly. The noise of the shooting brought the proprietress to the room. She upbraided Miyo for what he had done and his only reply was two shots from his revolver. One bullet entered her breast and the other her arm. She died on the way to a hospital.

FORGED RECORD

Of Marriage Claimed by Mrs. Murphy

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Evidence tending to show that a forgery was committed in the entry in the records of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic church, New York city, of the marriage of Baron August Von Glahn and Mrs. Martha McCabe, was produced in the county court here yesterday by David N. Carvalho, the New York handwriting expert. The evidence was brought out in the hearing of a case begun by Mrs. Anna Murphy, of New York city, to have the inheritance tax reduced on a legacy left her by Bernhard Von Glahn. Mrs. Murphy declared that she is the legal daughter of Baron Von Glahn and Mrs. McCabe, and that her father, while still married, came to Chicago and married again. Baron Von Glahn died over a quarter of a century ago, leaving a fortune of $300,000 in real estate.

By the evidence of Mr. Carvelho the defense attempted to show that the entry on the records was in the handwriting of Mrs. Murphy and that it was a forgery and that the charge that Baron Von Gahn had led a dual life was false. A number of letters which had been written by Mrs. Murphy were produced and Carvelho declared in his opinion that the writer of the record and the letters were the same person.

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FRANCES MARIE KNOWLTON, 980 Garfield Boulevard, Chicago, Ill., Age 4 Years.

Little Frances Knowlton's beautiful head of golden hair has made her famous the world over. She is only four years old and her hair hangs within one foot of the floor. Dr. E. W. Knowlton, her father, is the discoverer of Danderine, and attributes the beauty of her wonderful growth of hair to the extraordinary hair strengthening qualities of this great hair growing remedy. It has been tested on hundreds of others and has proven absolutely successful in every case. NOW on sale at all druggists, three sizes, *25c. 50c. & $1.00* per bottle. KNOWLTON DANDERINE CO., Chicago.

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CAKE or BREAD

—THAN—

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26 MERRIMACK SQUARE.

CAUGHT IN ACT

Brown Student Robbed Other Students

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—Ralph E. Bancroft of Stoneham, Mass., a freshman in Brown university, was detected yesterday afternoon in the act of stealing money from a pair of trousers hanging in the locker room of the gymnasium at the university. After some questioning Bancroft admitted that he had stolen various sums aggregating about $75. He was arrested by members of the local detective department.

Bancroft in college was a quiet man and apparently had no bad habits. He was an active worker in the Hope Street Methodist church and acted as leader of the Epworth League meeting three weeks ago Sunday.

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McKAY WILL

MRS. HARRIETT FOSTER OPPOSES ALLOWANCE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Through her counsel, G. W. Anderson, Mrs. Harriett Foster of Concord, N. H., a cousin of Gordon McKay, yesterday filed in the Suffolk probate coutr an appearance in opposition to the allowance of the will and six codicils of the millionaire inventor. The will and codicils are scheduled for proof before the probate court for Suffolk county.

When the will and codicils were filed some weeks ago, a citation was issued to interested parties to have them show cause yesterday if they had any, why the will and codicils should not be allowed. Several days ago Nellie S. Abbott of Concord, N. H., filed an appearance through her counsel, objecting to the allowance of the instrument. From the petition for the probate of the will and its codicils, the testator's two sons appear to be his only heirs at law and next of kin.

Mr. McKay, whose death took place at Newport a few months ago, left $1,000,000 outright to Harvard and a residue of his estate for the promotion of applied sciences. Annuities aggregating $48,600 were also left, to be divided among Mrs. Marion Von Bruning, Victor and Robert McKay and 15 other persons.

Have a look at the Oriental Bazaar.

HARVARD COACHES

AN ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPING FOOTBALL MATERIAL.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—For the purpose of establishing a definite policy and system of development of football material from year to year, there was held at the Union club last night a meeting of 33 former Harvard football coaches, and after some discussion an organization was formed to be known as the Harvard football graduates association. Among those who made brief speeches were W. Cameron Forbes, Percy Haughton, R. D. Wrenn, C. D. Daly, Roland Boyden, A. F. Holden and Prof. White.

The football situation was discussed at length and it was decided that besides carrying out a definite policy the new association would attempt to settle any difficulties which might arise with other colleges and investigate the eligibility of players. It was stated that the association would act as a judicial rather than as an executive body. It was also stated after the meeting that the coach system will be continued as heretofore, and that there will be no revolution in any of the methods of the development of football material.

Although a constitution was adopted only an executive committee of six members was elected. The members are as follows:

E. N. Washington '97, R. D. Wrenn '95, W. Cameron Forbes '92, J. W. Hallowell '00, M. T. Reed '01 and Malcolm Donald '02.

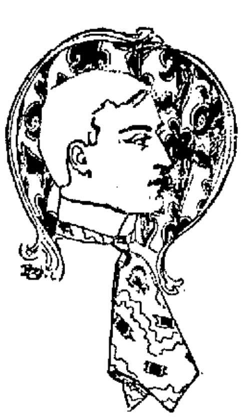
ACADEMY OF MUSIC

Owing to the cancellation of the company which was to play at the Academy of Music during the latter part of this week, this popular show house will be dark during Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but will reopen on Monday of next week with the Indian Maidens, one of the leading burlesque shows on the road.

The show which Manager Murphy had booked for the last three nights was not considered up to the standard and rather than serve a poor show he decided to close the house.

COMEDY AT THE CASTO.

For a pleasing and amusing two hours' enjoyment nothing can surpass the program at the Casto Theatre, this week, for the comedy which is presented is of the best and brightest, and the singing and dancing excellent. Jane Courthope and Charles Forrester, in the comedy "A Fisherman's Luck," head the bill, and this act alone is worth the price of admission. Green trading stamps are given free with every orchestra ticket.



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The richest silks in the latest colorings and in every new shape. Large English Squares, the new Flat Scarfs and large Puff Scarfs and 2 1-4 inch Four-in-Hands, silk lined, and scarcely one scarf in the lot that would not sell for one dollar—this entire collection of superb scarfs—many of them in individual boxes—for the holidays—each **50c**

Tourist Overcoats

they are called; made from heavy fancy Scotch overcoatings in stunning plaids and mixtures, cut 52 inches in length, broad shouldered—and with plenty of swing and style—half belt in the back — the remainder of these lots that were $18 and $20, now . **$15**

(Some other Tourist Overcoats now down to $8 and $10.)

Little Boys' Overcoats

trimmed with Astrachan about the collar and the cuffs, closing with silk frogs; fancy frieze and Zibelines in green, blue and brown. The prettiest novelties we have in our stock—were $8 and $9, all reduced for the holidays to . . **$5**

Sole Leather Suit Cases

made with steel frames, lined with linen, sadler sewn, heavy protected corners, fine brass locks and finished with patent clasps or straps—in 22 inch $4.50; 24 inch $4.75; or lined with plush up to . . . **$7.50**

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properly cut and properly made—of plain tricot, in brown or blue and in a great variety of reversible cloths; quiet dark colors predominating. A splendid selection of excellent house garments in thoroughly good qualities **$5 to $12**

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Thoroughly useful garments, made from handsome blankets, the richest from the imported handsome Austrians. These are all made very long and cut full, so that they are wraps in the fullest sense of the word.

Men's wraps from $5 to $15

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Men's Umbrellas

with distinctive handles of selected natural wood, horn and carved ivory; all made on high grade paragon frames; the coverings of fine Carola, or tested silk. Each umbrella with case and neatly boxed **98c to $8**

Silk Suspenders Boxed, 50 cents

A fascinating stock of high class suspenders for a very small price. All of the newest designs, and of excellent quality. Very handsome metal mounts—a large showing for **50c.**

(Finer qualities $1 and $1.50.)

Dress Suit Protectors

of silk or satin, with white silk lining—made plain or with plaits, with standing collars or without collars useful articles that make most acceptable gifts,

$1 and $1.50

Women's Umbrellas

chosen for durability as well as for the beauty of the mounts. The coverings of these umbrellas we know to be thoroughly good and sensible, as only those silks have been selected that we know will give satisfactory wear; this is a point too often overlooked in buying holiday umbrellas. The handles are new and represent the latest conceits in pearl, ivory and sterling silver — all with covers and neatly boxed—

Carolas 75c.

Taffeta Silk $1.00.

And up to $6.00.

HEAVY FIGHTING

GOING ON AT SANTIAGO FOR TWO DAYS.

CAPE HAYTIEN, Dec. 17.—According to a special despatch received here, heavy fighting has been going on at Santiago for the last two days, in which the revolutionists were repulsed.

The government has advised all families to leave the city. President Morales is constantly expected at Santiago. Telegraphic communication with San Domingo is interrupted and this place is therefore without news from the capital. Gen. Jimnez is still at Monte Cristo.

PLEASANT GATHERING.

The members of last season's Mohair Reserve cricket team of this city held a very enjoyable gathering last evening at residence of Hugh Rudden and amongst other business discussed was the question of holding a leap year party and it was decided to hold this social function in Highland hall on January 2 for members and their families and invited guests. It is likely the medals won emblematic of the championship of the Central Massachusetts league, will be presented on this occasion. The members of the club have received invitation to join in a body several clubs but have as yet taken no final action in the matter.

U. S. WARSHIP

MAY TAKE COLOMBIAN ENVOY HOME.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—It was said at the navy department yesterday that the question of placing a warship at the disposal of Gen. Rafael Reyes, the Colombian special envoy to convey him home when he shall have completed his mission, had not yet been taken up by the state department or navy department. The navy department is prepared to respond promptly, in case the state department decides to offer General Reyes this courtesy.

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WITH a very little effort on your part the Bissell sweeper will take up all the dust and dirt on the floor and does not injure the finest fabric. Wherever it is used it makes a friend and is a pleasing reminder of the giver. The cost of a Bissell sweeper is only $2.50, yet its value to the user is more than that every sweeping day. The Bissell sweeper is a Christmas gift that will be appreciated.

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DOUBLE STAMPS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

HEATH SCORED

Report on the Tulloch Charges Made Public

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The report of Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte on the charges made by S. W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city post office, against the administration of that office was made public yesterday.

Under instructions from the president, the report views the Tulloch charges "from a legal standpoint."

The report begins with a brief history and nature of Tulloch charges and says:

"The 'Tulloch charges' have never been, properly speaking, investigated at all. We have been repeatedly confronted in our inquiry with an assertion on the one side and a denial on the other as to the question of fact, with no sufficient means at our command to determine which statement we could advise you to believe.

"The tendency to evade answering these charges evinced by these replying to the postmaster general's request for such answers," the report says, "is illustrated very forcibly by the charges against Perry S. Heath, formerly assistant postmaster general, which have been heretofore made public and his answers to them.

"We consider this answer," it continues, "altogether insufficient and no less unsatisfactory in substance and in form."

Continuing, the report says the revision of Postmaster Willet's accounts of itself is sufficient to allow that Mr. Health's official record is not to clear as to defy suspicion. It adds:

"Moreover, the confidential report of Inspector-in-Charge Smith, and the special report of Inspector Little tends so strongly to sustain some of the most serious charges made by Mr. Tulloch against Mr. Health that it is quite impossible to dispose of these charges by calling them 'lies out of the whole cloth,' especially when we remember that the confidential report is stated by Inspector Smith to set forth irregularities discovered by himself and that the special report was prepared a whole year after Mr. Tulloch had left the office.

The reasonable inference to be drawn from Mr. Heath's complete failure to meet full and explicitly accusations which charged him with many acts of doubtful propriety added to the facts appearing from the record evidence laid before us, oblige us to say that at least a strong prima facie case is presented of wilful and reckless disregard by the late first assistant postmaster general of obligations imposed upon him by the regulations of his own department, as well as by the statutes of the United States and we feel it our duty to add that suspicion of his personal integrity must be inevitably aroused in our judgment by an impartial consideration of the faults submitted to us and of his plainly inadequate explanations."

The report takes up in detail the charges of improper appointments of subordinates and improper disbursements of public funds, contained in the Tulloch charges, and after analysis concludes:

"So far as is indicated by the papers submitted to us, the persons directly responsible for these fraudulent employments were Messrs. Perry S. Heath and George W. Beavers, neither of whom is now in the public service. It seems clear, however, that this responsibility extends, in some measure, to the late postmaster general, who appears to have at least tolerated the practice after notice of its existence and to the late and present postmasters at Washington, each of whom appears to have accepted the transfer to his office of a number of persons thus employed without, so far as is shown, any protest or exposure, facts substantially admitted as to himself in Dr. Merritt's letter of June 29."

The improper disbursement of public funds receives considerable space in the report and in this connection, Messrs. Conrad and Bonaparte go somewhat outside of the Tulloch charges.

In summing up the report says:

"The discussion of the 'Tulloch charges' has revealed the existence of deplorable and gravely discreditable abuses during the years 1898 and 1899 and 1900 in the Washington post office and the office of the first assistant postmaster general. The evidence laid before us suggests the possibility and even probability, but does not prove that abuses may have continued both in the department and in the post office subsequent to the early summer of 1900 when we lost sight of them and that in connection therewith criminal acts may have been committed within the period of limitations.

The persons primarily responsible for the above mentioned abuses and the resulting scandals appear to have been Perry S. Heath, then first assistant postmaster general, and George W. Beavers, then chief of the salaries and allowance division, neither of whom is now in the service of the United States.

Any book not in stock cheerfully ordered at Lawler's.

WOMEN VOTED

ALL POLITICAL CALCULATIONS WERE UPSET.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Dec. 17.—The first of the commonwealth general elections at which women exercised the right of suffrage was held yesterday, with the result that all political calculations were upset. The struggle was chiefly over the fiscal question. The government favored protection and the opposition supported free trade and the labor party agreed to sink the question of fiscal differences with a view to securing the balance of power, which they virtually held in the last parliament. The women voters cast a heavy ballot in support of the labor ticket, the result being that the labor party won many seats.

Diaries for 1904. Lawler's.

BOXING GOSSIP

Tomorrow night's smoke talk at the Riverview Athletic club is the principal topic of discussion among the sports these days. Martin Flaherty, the manager of the club, has made special efforts to make this meeting of the club a grand success and judging from the nature of the program his hopes are to be realized. The principal event will be Charlie Armstrong and the Black Fitzsimmons, the usual number of rounds, and Kid Flannery against another 105-pound man. Then there will be other bouts and singing, etc.

Teachers' Bibles for 98 cents. Lawler's.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

At the regular meeting of the Centralville I. O. O. F. last evening, the second degree was conferred upon three candidates.

On Jan. 20 the officers of the Grand lodge will visit Centralville lodge, and upon the same evening, Lawrence lodge of Lawrence will be guests of Centralville lodge and an exemplification of the third degree will be given by a staff of past grands.

TROLLEY PARTY.

The Colonial Athletic club of Woburn held a trolley party to this city last night and enjoyed a dancing party in Associate hall. A large number of Lowell friends of the club were present and music for the dancing was furnished by Flannagan's orchestra. The affair was under the direction of the following officers of the club: D. J. McColgan, president; L. E. Ward, secretary; J. F. Harrington, treasurer.

Give Your Eyes a Christmas Present of a Pair of Glasses Have them Examined by Mr. McEvoy at the New England Optical Co. 232 Merrimack Street

We're Caterers

to the Christmas Wants of the Children

We have a larger and better assortment this year than ever.

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GREAT CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

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We have no time to quote prices; call and see for yourself.

CARPETS, RUGS, MIRRORS, SIDEBOARDS, OIL STOVES, RANGES, PARLOR STOVES, PICTURES, SPRING BEDS, MATTRESSES, COMFORTERS, ETC.

Loss falls on all the above goods with a heavy thud. We are the champions at cutting prices. Our store is the poor man's paradise.

Remember the place.

JOHN CARTER Proprietor

MIDDLESEX STREET

HAHNEMANN CLUB

Discussed Defects in School Children

WITH LOCAL EDUCATORS AS GUESTS

The Club Met With Dr. Martin

The Lowell Hahnemann club met last evening at the residence of Dr. G. Forrest Martin, 45 Harvard street, and had as its guests several of the grammar school masters, High school teachers and other friends.

Dr. G. L. Van Deursen, president of the club, called to order and for the benefit of the guests stated that the Hahnemann club was organized 22 years ago in the office of Dr. H. M. Hunter and that of the original members, only Drs. Packer, Leland and Holt remain. It has extended its membership to include physicians throughout the Merrimack valley and hence its meetings are held less frequently than when only Lowell doctors were members.

This meeting, he said, was under the charge of the bureau of special senses and he requested Dr. Martin, chairman of the committee, to preside.

Dr. Martin said it is believed by physicians that the failure of many children in school work is due not to dullness as is commonly believed, but to defective sight or hearing.

Because of this belief he said, the committee had invited two eminent specialists to address the meeting upon the subjects of "The Ear" and "The Eye."

Dr. Howard P. Bellows of Boston was the first speaker and his address dealt with "The Ear." He pointed out the consideration due pupils whose hearing is defective. They are liable he said to all sorts of misconceptions. They are considered dull, stubborn and even malicious and they become discouraged if they fail to pass examinations.

Two methods of testing the hearing of school children were suggested, with a watch and with the voice. It was suggested, too, that the very front seats in the class should always be reserved for the pupils with defective hearing, and if one ear is defective, the pupil should be placed in the most advantageous position for hearing the instruction. It should be remembered that the pupils, whether under treatment or not, do not remain in the same condition. Their hearing is worse when they take cold, and the seating arrangements should be changed, according to their needs. Three or four testings in the course of the year would be necessary, in order to get the best results.

Dr. Bellows also urged the proper consideration of the child's defective hearing, by the parents, and gave suggestions as to care and treatment.

Dr. David W. Wells of Boston, an eminent eye specialist, was the next speaker. In opening he spoke of the evolution of the eye. In regard to the eyes of school children he said that work in this line was begun in Germany 50 years ago, and from statistics compiled in that time it has been learned that from 15 to 30 per cent. of all school children have defects that seriously interfere with their proper instruction. Nearsightedness increases as school years advance and is preventable in many cases with proper attention.

Teachers often fail to understand a child's condition and put him down as "stupid," but in reform school it is found that a large percentage of the inmates have defective sight or hearing.

The ideal method of obviating these difficulties, he said, would be to engage an oculist, but as public opinion is not quite ripe for that the examination can be made by charts and reports.

An examination of school children at Hyde Park showed 30 per cent. with defective vision. He thought the time was not ripe for a state law compelling this work to be done. A good deal of volunteer work must be done first. The movement, at any rate, should come from the educators, and not from the physicians. There are certain essentials necessary to success, but where these essentials are secured, the plan as outlined is perfectly practicable. It is necessary to have an enthusiastic superintendent, and this, the speaker said, Lowell certainly possesses. The next essential is the conversion of the school board, to the belief that this is the proper thing to do. The cooperation of parents is also necessary.

Dr. Wells closed by reading, as a suggestion for the overcoming of all these possible obstacles, the poem by Charlotte Perkins Stetson, entitled "The Obstacle."

Supt. Whitcomb spoke briefly and refreshments and a social hour followed the speaking.

Desk blotters with silver corners. Lawler's.

FRANKLIN CLUB

WINS THE DEBATE WITH MEN'S LEAGUE.

A public debate between the Benjamin Franklin Debating society and the Men's league of the First Congregational church of Dracut, was held at the church last night. This was the first open debate of the season of the local club, while it was the first ever held by the Dracut organization. There was a large and appreciative audience to enjoy the debate and the decision which was in favor of the Franklin Debating society was received with general satisfaction.

The winning team was composed of Messrs. Addison E. Avery, Winfred C. McBrayne and Harold Caverly. The speakers for the Men's League were Messrs. George H. Stevens, Harry Mozley and Peter Bolton.

The debate was upon the single tax question and the subject was worded, "Resolved: That all taxes should be abolished save one single tax levied on the value of land irrespective of the improvements in or on it." The Lowell boys upheld the negative.

The popular games of Pit and Flinch. Lawler's.

J. E. Searle, draftsman of the Lowell machine shop, is to leave their employ, after having served them for over ten years.

IRON-OX Tablets For the Bowels.

Not purgative nor cathartic, but gently laxative and tonic. For sale by druggists, 25 cents.

1000 Full Size Bottles of Crest-All (No-Cold, No-Cough) Given Away Absolutely Free at the Zopher Drug Store Central Cor. Middlesex Sts.

To the first 1000 men and women who apply at our store on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18th and 19th, will be given a FULL SIZE bottle of CHEST-ALL (no-cold-no-cough) free. We, the undersigned, heartily recommend the same to all who need such a remedy. Charles Trombly, President and William Sturtevant, Treasurer of the Zopher Drug Co. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass., sole proprietors.

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Suggestions for Christmas Presents From Various Depts. of Our Mammoth Store

The Broadest, Best, Most Complete Stocks at Attractively Low Prices. Double Stamps Every Day This Week and Saturday Evening. In Addition to Double Stamps Several Departments Will Give Extra Stamps to Purchasers Friday and Saturday. Read the Extra Stamp Offers in Glove, Men's Furnishing, Handkerchief, Umbrella and Waisting Departments. You May Buy Here With the Firm Assurance That You Are Selecting from the Best That Money, Brains and Intelligent Buying Can Procure.

Handkerchiefs for Men, Women and Children

Thousands of Dozens in Silk, Linen and Swiss at Attractively Low Prices.

Ladies' Plain, all Linen, Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	5c to 50c Each
Ladies' fancy hemstitched, embroidered, scallbped or lace edges	10c to $5.00 Each
Silk Malta Lace Handkerchiefs	$1.00 to $5.00 Each
French Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs	50c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Boxes of 6 Handkerchiefs in a box	75c to $8.00 per Box
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs	12½ to 50c Each
Men's plain, all linen, hemstitched Handkerchiefs	5c to 75c Each
Men's Jap Silk Handkerchiefs	25c to $2.00 Each

An Extra Stamp Offer from Handkerchief Dept. Friday and Saturday.

All persons buying Handkerchiefs amounting to $1.00 or more will receive an extra $1.00 worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Christmas Umbrellas

An Immense Variety of Fancy Handles.

Men or Women's Umbrellas, mercerized covering, natural wood handles, sterling trimmed	At $1.00 Each
Men or Women's Gloria Umbrellas, fancy handles	At $1.50 Each
Men or Women's Taffeta Covered Umbrellas, plain or fancy handles	At $2.50 Each
Men or Women's Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, hem or tape edge, gold, silver or pearl handles	At $3.50 Each
Men or Women's Lavantine Silk Umbrellas, gold, silver, burnt ivory, horn or pearl handles	At $5.00 Each

Here is a Liberal Stamp Offer from Umbrella Department Friday and Saturday.

Every purchaser of an Umbrella Friday or Saturday will receive an extra dollar's worth of stamps in addition to double stamps allowed all purchasers.

Bric-a Brac and Fancy China

Artistic Vases and Ornaments	10c to $11.00 Each
Jardinieres	10c to $7.00 Each
Fancy Pedestals	$2.50 to $30.00 Each
Oriental Figures and Busts	50c to $5.00 Each
A varied collection of Masks for Mens' Dens	$1.00 to $2.50 Each
Fancy Lamps, gas or oil	$2.50 to $15.00 Each
Chocolate, Ice Cream or Berry Sets	$1.00 to $8.00 Per Set
Fancy Plates, Cups or Saucers	10c to $2.25 Each
Fancy Salads and Comports	25c to $3.00 Each
Water and Wine Sets	75c to $3.00 Each

Leather Articles

A Splendid Variety at Reasonable Prices.

Fitted Wrist Bags	49c to $5.00 Each
Velvet Chatelaine Bags	$1.50 to $5.50 Each
Leather Hand Bags	49c to $5.00 Each
Leather Chatelaine Bags	21c to $5.50 Each
Pocket Books	5c to $5.00 Each
Card Cases	50c to $2.00 Each
Cigar Cases	98c to $3.00 Each
Men's Bill Books	50c to $3.50 Each

In addition to our showing of Leather Goods we have an excellent collection of green cloth or Felt Bags used so extensively by students or professional men. At prices ranging from 25c to $1.50 Each

Men's Furnishing Dept.

The Best Equipped Department in Lowell can be found in this Store.

Bath Robes	$2.75 to $10.50 Each
Neckwear	12½c to $1.00 Each
Fancy Suspenders	25c to $1.50 a Pair
Fancy Arm Elastics	12½c to $1.00 a Pair
Full Dress Shields	75c to $2.50 Each
Lined or Unlined Gloves	$1.00 to $5.00 a Pair
Mufflers	50c to $2.00 Each
Pajamas	98c to $2.00 a Pair
Fancy Night Shirts	50c to $1.50 Each
Men or Boys' Sweaters	$1.00 to $2.50 Each

An Extraordinary Stamp Offer for Friday or Saturday.

Every purchaser of a Gents' Bath Robe will receive an extra $2.00 worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Jewelry Department.

Beautiful New Designs at Exceptionally Low Prices.

Gold Filled Lockets	98c to $3.00 Each
Gold Filled Neck Chains	98c to $5.00 Each
Monogram Hat Pins	49c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Collar Pins	25c to $2.00 Each
Fancy Brooch Pins	25c to $5.00 Each
Bavina Diamonds	50c to $10.00 Each
Men's Scarf Pins	49c to $5.00 Each
Ladies' Belt Buckles	25c to $3.00 Each
Ladies' Belt Pins	25c to $2.00 Each
Children's Rings	25c to $3.00 Each

Fancy Waistings

We have several hundred patterns 3½ yards in a pattern of white mercerized waistings in very pretty designs, put up in fancy boxes, suitable for Christmas gifts At $1.00 Per Pattern

Another lot of pretty white goods, 40 dierent designs, put up in fancy boxes, suitable for Christmas gifts At 75c Each

Every purchaser of a waist pattern Friday or Saturday will receive an extra one dollar's worth of stamps in addition to their double stamps.

Toilet Department

Every reputable brand may be found here at prices that are right.

Fancy Bottles of Perfume	26c to $2.50 Each
Fancy Mirrors	25c to $2.50 Each
Complete Toilet Sets at	89c to $2.75 Each
Fancy Baby Sets in celluloid	$2.00 Each
Celluloid Puff or Soap Boxes	25c and 50c Each
Ladies' Silk Garters	25c to $1.25 a Pair
Celluloid Glove or Handkerchief Boxes	25c to 50c Each
Silk or Fancy Braid Girdle Belts	75c to $1.69 Each
Fancy Pin Cushions	25c to $2.00 Each
Silk or Gauze Spangled Fans	50c to $2.00 Each
Shell Combs, Barrettes or Hair Pins	10c to $1.50 Each

Toys, Dolls and Games

No Better Collection Anywhere. Prices Exceptionally Low.

Toy Type Writers	$1.00 to $2.50 Each
Toy Pianos	25c to $3.00 Each
Iron Toys of every kind	5c to $3.00 Each
Boys' Drums	15c to $2.00 Each
Dolls, dressed or undressed	10c to $10.00 Each
Mechanical Toys	10c to $2.00 Each
All the new games	5c to $2.00 Each
Boys' or Girls' Sleds	50c to $2.00 Each
Rocking Horses	50c to $10.00 Each
Express Carts or Wheelbarrows	25c to $2.00 Each

FANCY BASKETS.

In connection with our toy dept. we are showing a splendidly selected stock of Work or Waste Baskets from 25c to $5.00 Each

Ladies' Kid Gloves

You will find here all the reputable brands and fashionable colors including the Mannish Cape Glove in tans, London reds and oak shades.

We have several expert fitters at your service if you desire fitting.

With every pair of Kid Gloves sold from now until Christmas we will give a very pretty glove box.

Prices are $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00

Here is an extra stamp offer from Glove Dept. With every pair of Kid Gloves sold Friday and Saturday we will give an extra dollar's worth of stamps in addition to double stamps.

Furniture Department

A Large and Varied Stock to Choose From. All New Pieces.

Turkish Leather Rockers	$30.00 to $50.00 Each
Oak or Mahogany Desk Chairs	$3.00 to $15.00 Each
Piano Chairs, all colors	$3.50 to $6.00 Each
Parlor Cabinets in mahogany	$18.00 to $50.00 Each
Oak or Mahogany Pedestals	$4.00 to $30.00 Each
Parlor Tables in a variety of woods	$2.00 to $40.00 Each
Belding Hall Card Tables, felt top	$2.75 Each
Children's Rockers	75c to $6.00 Each
Children's High Chairs	98c to $7.00 Each
Clothes Poles, wood or brass	75c to $12.00 Each
Parlor Chairs, excellent styles	$4.00 to $50.00 Each
Chiffonieres in oak, mahogany or maple	$4.00 to $50.00 Each
Ladies' Toilet Tables	$9.50 to $40.00 Each
Couches and Morris Chairs	$4.98 to $50.00 Each
Music Racks and Cabinets	$1.98 to $25.00 Each

Book Department

Adjoining Cloak Department. 2d Floor.

Children's Toy Books	5c to 50c Each
Boys' and Girls' Books, a splendid collection	25c and 49c Each
Webster's 20th Century Dictionary	$1.50 Each
The Poems of popular poets in padded bindings	69c Each
An excellent collection of popular Books in roycroft, burnt leather and ooze bindings	75c to $1.10 Each
A varied collection of sets 5 or 6 books each, including such authors as Kipling, Southworth, Corelli, Holmes, Caine and Hugo	At $1.49 Per Set
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More than 200 titles in popular fiction	49c Each
In addition to above we have all the new books of fiction, including Gordon Keith, Little Shepard, Heart of Rome, Rebecca and others	At $1.10 Each

Ladies' Bath Robes and Dressing Sacques.

In Eiderdown or Flannelette.

Eiderdown Bath Robes	$3.49 to $7.50 Each
Eiderdown Dressing Sacques	75c to $2.98 Each
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MAY BE MURDER

Rutland Man Brutally Assaulted His Wife

RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 17.—After a lively chase in which a half dozen police officers participated, Gideon Reed, last night committed a murderous assault upon his wife, was taken into custody yesterday. A charge of assault with intent to kill was made against him and he was locked up pending the outcome of Mrs. Reed's injuries.

It was said last night that her condition was critical. It is believed by some that Reed is insane, for the attack of last night appears as the work of a mad man. He would give no explanation of his deed further than say that he and his wife had quarrelled. Reed pounded his wife to unconsciousness with a club, then slashed her arm with a knife.

Ping Pong for 75 cents. Lawler's.

SOCIAL AND FAIR

AT RESIDENCE OF REV. D. B. MARTIN.

A home social and fair was held last night at the residence of Rev. D. B. Martin, 109 Methuen street. It was under the auspices of the members of the Christian Endeavor society and was like other affairs conducted by this organization a grand success.

The drawing room and music room had been cleared of most of the furniture and sales tables were placed in position. These tables were in charge of the following committees:

The fancy table was under the direction of Mrs. Emil Batchelder, as chairman, and Mrs. W. A. Chase, Miss Irene Martin and Miss Zatella Martin as assistants.

Mrs. S. L. Brown was chairman of the apron table, her assistant being Mrs. D. P. Knowlton.

Mrs. S. W. Wiggin and Mrs. D. P. Saunders were sponsers for the mystery table.

The candy table was popular under the direction of Miss Isabel Wiggin and Miss Grace Hatch.

The young ladies who did duty at the pound table were: Miss Grace Carter, Miss Stella Marshall and Miss Winnifred Trueworthy.

Crepe and tissue paper. Lawler's.

SENTENCES CONFIRMED.

The Lowell cases disposed of by Judge Hardy in the superior criminal court at East Cambridge yesterday and not mentioned in yesterday's late editions, were as follows:

Miriah Richardson, who on Sept. 28 was sentenced by Judge Hadley to six months in the house of correction on the charge of drunkenness, had her sentence confirmed.

Roland Lemay, breaking and entering, was placed on probation and restitution was made to Mr. McKay, whose store he entered.

Michael Murtagh was before the court on the charge of drunkenness. At the previous session of the superior court in Lowell last October Murtagh was placed on probation. About a month later he was surrendered by the probation officer. He said yesterday that he was going to take the Keeley cure and asked for another trial. He was again placed in probation.

Books bound in burnt leather, a novelty. Lawler's.

GOVERNOR BATES

May Preside at National Convention

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Governor John L. Bates of Massachusetts and ex-Governor W. Murray Crane of the same state arrived here last night and today were the guests of President Roosevelt at luncheon, and later at a dinner, at which the members of the cabinet, Governor Odell of New York, Senator Lodge and several other friends of the president will be present.

The coming of the two Massachusetts men is regarded here as of important political significance, and the affair was arranged through the efforts of Senator Lodge. The visit of Gov. Bates is for the purpose of giving the president an opportunity to get better acquainted, and it is thought that he will be a useful addition to his forces for a renomination among certain element throughout the country.

It is likely that the question of a presiding officer for the convention may come up, in which case Gov. Bates' name will be considered. The governor presided for three years over the Massachusetts house of representatives and is one of the most eloquent of republican orators.

The presence of ex-Gov. Crane was not at all surprising, because since the settlement of the coal strike, when his advice was sought by the president, he has been a frequent visitor at the White House, and his visit at this time relates to the management of the campaign.

The president realizes the powerful influence ex-Gov. Crane has in the business and financial centres of the country and would like to have such a man near at hand in case of an emergency.

The president already scents trouble from New York financial and business sources, and with such a man as ex-Gov. Crane close to his administration some of the opposition, it is thought, might be allayed.

Strong pressure will be brought to bear upon the former Bay State executive to take part in the campaign in a managerial capacity, and it is likely he will give his consent to the proposition.

Gov. Bates will remain in Washington until Saturday and will be paid much attention by the politicians while he is here.

The visit is also regarded as of import bearing upon politics in Massachusetts by impressing the governor with the importance and power of Senator Lodge here.

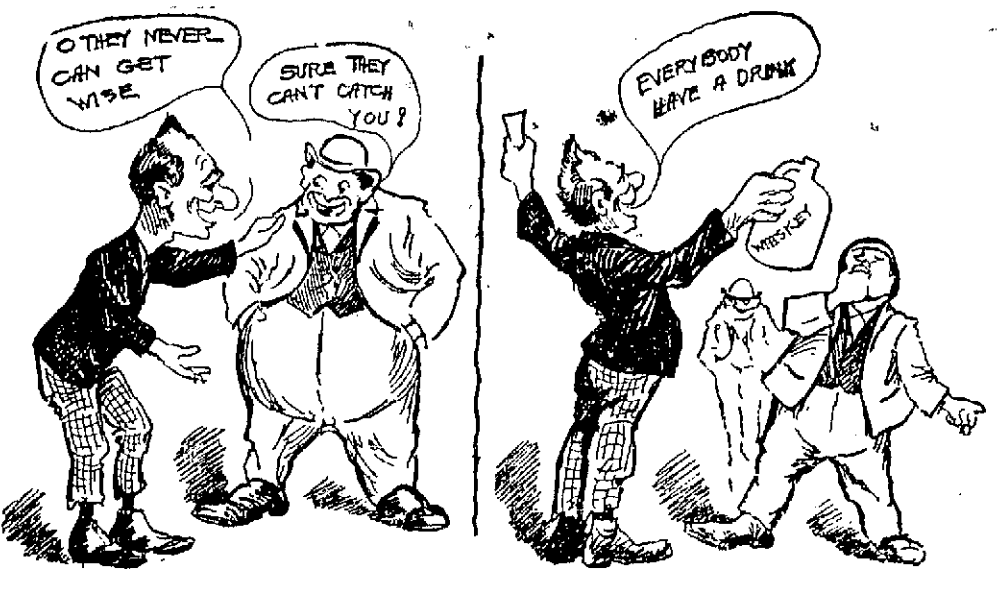
Last evening many representatives called upon the visitors at the Arlington.

A GENERAL SUSPENSION.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17—It is expected that a general suspension of mining throughout the entire anthracite coal region will be inaugurated with Christmas until Jan. 4. This step has already been announced by the Reading company and it is believed that all the other large companies will take similar action. One of the reasons for the shutdown is that the production is in excess of present market requirements.

Crepe paper for Christmas. Lawler's.

WOULDN'T IT MAKE YOU MAD—


O THEY NEVER CAN GET WISE
SURE THEY CAN'T CATCH YOU?
EVERYBODY HAVE A DRINK
WHISKEY

After you had stocked up a kitchen joint with booze——

And had invited everybody to come 'round——

If one of your first customers was a cop——

Who seized your stuff and ran you in?

WOULDN'T THAT GIVE YOU A PAIN?

ON RACE TRACK

McKowen Lost the University Funds

BERKELY, Cal., Dec. 17.—W. A. McKowen, secretary of board of regents of the State university, confessed yesterday to President Benjamin Ide Wheeler that he was a defaulter to the amount of $20,000 and possibly more. Most of the money was lost at the race track. McKowen has been suspended by President Wheeler and placed under arrest by the local authorities.

Secretary McKowen's arrest followed the discovery that he had attempted to pay a racing debt with a check made out to him personally by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst. This check was deposited in the Western National bank from which it turned up to expose the affair. President Wheeler said:

"From what we have thus far learned it appears that McKowen at different times since 1898 had used sums of money that came into his hands instead of depositing them with the treasurer, whether as fees or donations of the university and appropriated them to his own use. He covered this up as far as we know by taking corresponding amounts from the university funds by charging them as expenditures under the head of one or the other university funds.

"He says he has not falsified his book keeping by making false entries or in any other way. So far as we know in this fiscal year the loss amounts to $4200.

"The total amount we do not know. He said he thought it would be $20,000 or more. He had spent it on the race track."

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Coat Department
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BOTH DAYS

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FRIARS' LANDS

United States Buys Them for $7,250,000

MANILA, Dec. 17—An agreement has been reached by Gov. Taft and the friars providing for the settlement of the friar land question. The pope has given his approval of the terms of the settlement and the approval of the war department is awaited. The settlement provides for the purchase of 403,000 acres, comprising all the agricultural lands and holdings of the friars with the exception of 12,000 acres, including a farm near Manila, which has been sold to a railroad company, and also one sugar plantation. The price agreed upon is $7,250,000. The friars originally asked $15,000,000. Gov. Taft offered them $6,000,000.

ANDREW CARNEGIE

SAYS GREAT BRITAIN WILL LOSE SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—The Armstrong association met yesterday at the home of President William Jay Schieffelin. About 100 members attended. This association named after Gen. Samuel Chapman Armstrong, friend of the negro and founder of Hampton institute, carries on the work in behalf of the colored man which Gen. Armstrong began. Andrew Carnegie was one of the speakers and surprised his hearers by asserting that he believed Great Britain would surely some day lose South Africa. He said:

"It is about as certain as we are living that Great Britain will lose South Africa, because the Dutch population there is increasing, while the British are not. The Kaffirs wont work. What would Great Britain give for nine million negroes as placable and as lovable as those in this country? These men give us about 11 million bales of cotton every year, and this, I contend, helps make the United States the most powerful nation in the world. Suppose a fleet of British warships should attack us. The president as commander-in-chief of the army and navy need only raise his hand and say stop exporting cotton and the war would be won. What a happy country this is to have the negro.

"My knowledge of the question leads me to the opinion that no political measure can ever save or benefit the negro. The Hampton institute shows the only useful solution."

STRONG PROTEST

AGAINST BILL FOR ANNULMENT OF CONTRACTS.

HAVANA, Dec. 17—In the house of representatives yesterday Senor Betancourt of Matanzas strongly protested against the bill for the annulment of the contracts made by Gen. Wood in 1902 with the church authorities for the rental of several buildings occupied by the government. He warned the house that the passage of the bill would be a violation of the Platt amendment and would result in humiliation, as the United States would certainly call Cuba to account, not with fleets and armies, but with diplomatic representations. He reiterated that Cuba was bound to carry out the contracts and obligations incurred by Gen. Wood while military governor.

A large majority of the members of the house appears to be in favor of suspension of the payment of the rentals while the question of the liability of Cuba for the Wood contracts is being investigated and determined.

A MEMORIAL WNDOW.

A special meeting of the ladies of L'Association de Notre Dame de Bonsecours was held last night at the home of Mrs. Charles H. Boisvert. The purpose of the meeting was to raise funds towards presenting a memorial window to St. Jean Baptiste church.

GUTTED BY FIRE

Union Station at Worcester Damaged

WORCESTER, Dec. 17.—Fire in the Union station yesterday did damage estimated at $30,000, and threatened the entire structure. The blaze originated in the basement beneath the kitchen of the G. W. Armstrong dining room and shot up through a dumb elevator shaft, reaching the roof, where the flames burst through the ventilation windows close to the roof of the train shed, 115 feet above the ground.

The station walls are all of stone. The interior was of wood and it was with difficulty that any of the wood of the portion was saved from destruction. As it was the whole building, with the exception of the part in which the Boston & Maine offices and the baggage room are situated, was destroyed.

The loss to the Boston & Albany is estimated at $25,000, and that to the Armstrong company $5000. Both are insured.

Lowell souvenir postal cards at Lawler's.

FRENCH CRUISER

ARRIVED AT NEW ORLEANS YESTERDAY.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—The French cruiser Jurien De La Gravierre, which is to represent the French government in the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the transfer of Louisianna to the United States, arrived yesterday. The United States cruiser Minneapolis, the Yankee and the Topeka entered the river at the Passes yesterday. They were preceded by the United States training ship Hartford.

PROHIBITION PARTY

TO HOLD NATIONAL CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—The national convention of the prohibition party will be held in Kansas City on Wednesday, June 29. Eight cities—Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Blthmore, Buffalo, Milwaukee and Columbus, O., put in bids for the convention when the national committee of the party met here yesterday aftefr listening for several hours to the arguments of the rival delegates. Kansas City secured almost twice as many votes as the nearest competitor.

No action was taken in the matter of representation other than that the committee will advise a change in the plan of representation at the next convention.

CITOYENS AMERICAINS MET.

The Citoyens Americains held their regular meeting last night and the principal topic of discussion was to see whether or not the organization would rent permanent quarters. After much discussion pro and con it was decided to appoint a committee for the purpose of looking up a suitable place, which would be open to members every day in the week. The committee appointed consisted of the following members: William Drapeau, Dr. A. J. Gagnon and L. P. Turcotte. A report will be heard at the meeting next Wednesday. During the eary part of the evening two initiations were made and three applications received.

Souvenir postal card albums. Lawler's.

GOODWIN PARDON

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VOTED TO RECOMMEND ONE.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—It is stated that the pardon committee of the executive council has decided to recommend the pardon and release of Henry K. Goodwin. The recent investigations made by the committee into the sanity of the prisoner appear to have resulted in favor of the latter.

The committee has taken its time in deciding this important case. Each councillor has received a grist of letters for and against pardon. Among these letters are strong protests as well as fervent appeals for executive clemency.

Governor Bates will not return to the state house till Monday of next week, having gone to Washington yesterday. Lieutenant-Governor Guild therefore becomes acting governor again, and will continue in that capacity until the return of his chief.

Governor Bates left the following nominations, which were presented to the council yesterday: William W. Carruth, Plymouth, special justice of the Third Plymouth district court, in place of Daniel E. Damon, resigned; Robert Ellis, East Boston, member of the state police, in place of the late John E. Foulds; Edwin B. Cady, North Adams, clerk of the district court of northern Berkshire (reappointment); Joseph T. Wilson, Nahant, trial justice of Essex county (reappointment).

BOURKE COCKRAN

WILL BE NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—W. Bourke Cockran will be nominated by Tammany Hall to succeed Mayor-elect George B. McClellan as the representative from the twelfth congressional district as soon as Mr. McClellan resigns his seat to undertake his duties as mayor. That was determined yesterday at the office of Mr. Cockran, where he met Charles Murphy.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

The regular meeting of Court St. Antoine, C. O. F., was held last night in Odd Fellows hall. Chief Ranger Thibault presiding. It was voted to make the coming installation of officers recently elected a public one.

SHOT AND KILLED.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec 17—J. L. Watkins, a prominent Red River planter and merchant, was shot and killed by his negro driver, George Manuel, yesterday near here.

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New Loose Muscatel Raisins, 5 lbs. 38c; 2 lbs. 16c
"Violet" Brand Salmon, 1 lb. flats, can 12c
Ginter's Special Chocolate, ½ lb. cakes 13c; 2 for..........25c
"Regina" Brand Quick Lunch Chocolate, ½ lb. cans......13c
Postum Cereal Coffee, per package 19c
2 lb. pkg. Best Rolled Oats, "Echo" Brand.......... 7c
Cream of Wheat, per pkg....10c
2 oz. bot. Special Lemon or Vanilla Extract.......... 8c
3-lb. cans Fancy Golden Pumpkin, can.......... 9c
New Mixed Nuts, 2 lbs. for 25c
New English Walnuts, lb.....16c
Cape Cod Cranberries, 10c per qt.

Crystalized Orange Peel and Lemon Peel, per lb..........15c
Fancy Christmas Candy, 10c lb.
Fancy Cluster Table Raisins, very large..........19c lb.
1-lb. pkg. New Seeded Raisins, 11c per lb.
1 lb. pkg. New Washed Currants 9c
Fancy Porto Rico Molasses (can included), gal..........35c
Kennedy's Ginger Snaps, lb.. 5c
Large New Prunes, 2 lbs. 9c; 25-lb. box $1.00
1-lb. pkg. Fancy New Evaporated Apples 9c
Nestle's Brand Condensed Milk, 3 cans 26c
Barker's Pure Cocoa, can..... 8c
3-lb. cans Standard Tomatoes, doz. 80c; can.......... 7c

FRESH FANCY ROLLED ROAST BEEF ....11c Lb.

BUTTER—"Golden Rose" Brand. Choicest Vermont Creamery, a deliciously fresh made and rich table butter. Cut from tub or in 5-lb. boxes. Per lb......25c

"Locust Valley" Choice Elgin Creamery Butter. Cut from tub or in 5-lb. boxes. Our price per lb. 21c

EGGS—Choice Fresh Laid "Eastern" Brand. 2 doz. box 52c; 1 dozen 27c

Special Fancy Hennery Eggs, dozen 32c

TEAS—Perfect Drinking Teas. Right from the choicest gardens of the world. "Golden Rose" brand. Finest Garden Flower Formosa Oolong, English Breakfast, Mixed, 3 lbs. $1.00; per lb. 35c

COFFEES—Ginter's Mocha and Java. Fresh roasted and pure. Sells elsewhere at 40c per lb. 5 lbs. $1.00; per lb..........20c

FLOUR—"Golden Rose" Brand. The kind that makes bread that the particular housewife is proud of. Light, fine, white and sweet. Per bbl. $5.50; per bag 70c

Our $1 Christmas Basket

Our December $1 market basket sale delivers groceries that would cost at least $2.43 elsewhere; quality and economy guaranteed.

	Retail Grocer's Prices	Our Sale Prices
2-lb carton Best Granulated Sugar..........	.11	.01
1 3-lb. can Fine Tomatoes..	.15	.01
5-lb bag Best Table Salt....	.10	.01
2-lb bag Best Rolled Oats..	.09	.01
½ pk Best Baldwin Apples	.10	.01
1 lb Best Soda Biscuit......	.10	.01
2 cakes Best Laundry Soap	.10	.03
1 bot Fancy Mixed Pickles.	.10	.05
2 lbs Best Tapioca..........	.14	.08
1 jar Currant Jelly..........	.10	.03
1 carton Best Evaporated Apples	.20	.12
1 lb. Best Mocha and Java Coffee	.35	.20
½ lb Finest Formosa Oolong Tea..........	.38	.18
1 bot. Special Vanilla Extract	.25	.13
1 lb Good New Prunes......	.07	.05
1 family Market Basket....	.10	.03
ALL FOR $1.00.	$2.43	$1.00

Fancy Vermont Turkeys, headed and drawn, dry picked and price guaranteed to be the lowest in Lowell.

Full line of Christmas Candy and Crackers.

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ALSO FIVE BOSTON STORES.

Announcement

John H. Burke, for the past 25 years in the grocery business on Coburn street, wishes to announce to the people of Lowell, Dracut, Chelmsford and surrounding towns, that he would be pleased to meet them at the opening of his new store, 28, 30 and 32 Coburn street, opposite West Third street, on Friday evening next, December 18. Banks full orchestra in attendance.

Yours,
J. H. BURKE.

WITH THE POLICE

George Kitchner's Clerk is Missing

AND MR. KITCHNER IS MINUS SOME MONEY

Card Machines Seized by the Police

George Kitchner is anxious to learn of the whereabouts of Thomas Welch and he has asked the police to assist him in locating the young man.

Mr. Kitchner conducts a place in Gorham street, a former saloon, and Mr. Welch has been his confidential clerk since the first of May. Last Friday night Welch left the store as usual, but failed to return Saturday morning and Mr. Kitchner has not set eyes on him since. Not so much does Mr. Kitchner regret the absence of Welch as he does the disappearance of about $400. Thomas Welch is well known in Lowell and has always borne a good reputation. He lived with relatives in Fremont street.

CARD MACHINES SEIZED.

Five automatic card machines were seized by the police yesterday afternoon. Three from the pool rooms of Samuel Scott in Central and Prescott streets; one from the pool room of Osgood & Bigelow, 58 Middlesex street, and one was taken from Frank G. Lucchesi's place, 490 Middlesex street. The police ordered the pool room keepers over a week ago to dispense with the machines and the majority of those so warned did as they were told. The officers interested in the raids were Inspector Goodwin and Officers Duncan, Corcoran, Brown and Atkinson.

PROVIDENCE MAN ARRESTED.

Sergt. Conners and Inspector Maher yesterday afternoon arrested James Nevill of Providence, R. I., on a warrant charging him with the larceny of a coat from John J. Delaney, the tailor. Nevill was arrested in South street.

ESCAPED FROM THE FARM.

John F. Cleary was sentenced to the city farm about a week ago and escaped from that institution yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon he was arrested in Lawrence street by Officer Sparks and returned to the farm.

FOUND SOME WHISKEY.

Inspector Geo. Brown called at an alleged speakeasy numbered 550 Gorham street last evening shortly after 7 o'clock and after a brief search of the premises located a small quantity of whiskey.

Bound books for boys and girls, 25 cents. Lawler's.

HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES

VINDICATED OF CHARGE OF MALTREATING PATIENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—After an investigation into the death of Adolphus Brucker, the former English member of parliament, who, a fellow patient reported, had been maltreated and abused in Bellevue hospital, District Attorney Jerome expressed the belief that the authorities at Bellevue hospital had been vindicated on all charges in connection with the case.

Engraved visiting cards at Lawler's.

GAS HEARING

ON NEW ISSUE OF STOCK ON DEC. 23.

Mayor Howe has received from the state board of gas and electric light commissioners the following letter of considerable local interest:

On the petition of the Lowell Gas Light company for approval of an issue of new capital stock of the par value of $200,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of necessary additions to the company's plant, the board will give a hearing to parties interested at its office, room 145, State House, Boston, Dec. 23, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

R. G. TABEY, Clerk.

Fancy ink stands and desk novelties. Lawler's.

DIDN'T SIGN

FONTAINE'S NAME NOT ON EXTENSION LOAN.

Councilman Fontaine of ward seven was absent when the Dummer street extension order was signed by the other members of the committee and hence his signature is not affixed to the order. He was reported as having signed it.

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HILL—LEITCH.

Fred Rowland Hill and Miss Emma Francis Leitch, both of Dracut, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leitch in Dracut last evening, Rev. F. I. Keiley performing the marriage ceremony at 7 o'clock in the presence of the immediate relatives and a few friends. Mr. Alfred Fox was best man and the bride was attended by Miss Nellie Bryant of this city. The bride's sister, Mrs. Belle Hanchett, played a wedding march. After the ceremony there was a short reception during which refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Hill will live in Dracut.

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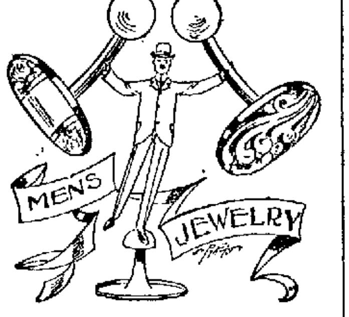


Rich Pickings Here For

The man who likes unique designs in Cuff Buttons, Links, Studs, etc. There are many new things offered in the Xmas line of Jewelry which will appeal to their good judgment as well as their good taste. The articles are of superior quality but moderate prices. Gents' or ladies' solid gold buttons $1.50.

HARRIS, 10 Appleton Street

HELD IN $7500

Idaho Man Charged With Fraud

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Frank S. Hobbs of Idaho is now in Ludlow street jail on an order of arrest obtained by Edward B. Tustin, treasurer of the Greene Copper company, who says he advanced $7500 to Hobbs with which to develop gold mining property. Tustin brought suit when an agent reported to him that the supposed mine was not as represented and alleged Hobbs did not own it. Tustin at once applied to Judge Marean of the Kings county supreme court for an order of arrest on the ground that Hobbs was about to leave the city for Idaho. The prisoner was held in default of $7500 bail.

Hobbs, it is alleged, represented that with little difficulty he could take out $100 worth of ore from the properties controlled by the so-called Comstock Mines companies. He is said to have represented that there were tunnels and cross cuts in the mines and that everything would soon be put in working order, for there was a stream there which could easily supply power for a 10-stamp mill. The $1,000,000 in stock was tied up in such a way that little could be done until a working capital was raised and Mr. Tustin finally consented to furnish $20,000 and actually advanced $7500.

According to the report of an expert who later went to Idaho he found the land to be in the possession of A. T. Whyland who, according to the records, had staked it out six months before Hobbs had done so. Whyland had sunk a shaft and built a cabin, on which was posted a notice that the public at large and especially a concern known as the Comstock Mines company would approach the claim at their peril.

WANTS PEACE

ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE WAR.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—Correspondence of Japanese newspapers by steamer Aki Maru, after telling of the reported utterances of Admiral Alexieff as cabled to the effect that Russia was handicapped by lack of dockage accommodations and probably would come off second best in a naval engagement with Japan, says that although he affects a strong attitude toward the situation, Admiral Alexieff's real attitude is for peace. The Ashahi correspondent says that many of the principal Russian warships are badly in need of repairs, one of the battleships requiring eight months' work, which cannot be done owing to the unsettled situation.

The Kokumin Shim Bulletin has received advices from Seoul that Korea is about to lay the foundations for a navy with Russian assistance. A compact is said to have been made between Russian and Korean representatives for the purchase of a Russian cruiser and that five Russian naval officers be secured and a naval college started in Corea.

BOOTT MILLS

WILL PAY A DIVIDEND OF TWO PER CENT.

The Boott mills will pay a semi-annual dividend of $20, or 2 per cent., on Dec. 24. This is the first dividend these mills have paid since 1901.

Elegant writing sets. Lawler's.

POPULAR WINTER RESORT.

It has long been the custom of the tourist and vacationist, as soon as Jack Frost and "Old Boreas" have started on their season's gambols, to turn toward the sunny South, regardless of the fact that this is just the time of year when the great Canadian cities of Montreal and Quebec can be seen at their best.

A visit to Montreal or Quebec in the summer time means enjoyment of beautiful scenery, a tour of the historical landmarks and a visit to the famous shrines. But the native tone of the country is lost; one misses the hardy Canadian in his coat and cap of fur, gliding over the snow covered plains in snowshoes, or dashing along in his low cutter. There is but one season of the year for a visit to a Canadian city, and that season is winter.

During the last few years this fact has been brought more to the attention of the traveling public than heretofore, and already a great many people have deserted the orange groves of Florida and the tropical climes of the West Indies to take their winter sojourn in Quebec. One winter spent in the delights of snowshoeing, skating, hockey and tobogganing will satisfy the traveler that as a winter resort Quebec has much to offer.

This year a committee, composed of the members of the Quebec city government, the military, the leading citizens of Quebec and the clubs, has been organized. The object is to make Quebec the foremost resort in the Dominion and to make it a winter resort which will vie in popularity with the resorts of the south. A program is to be arranged which will occupy at least two days each week, and on these days curling matches, skating races, snow-shoe races, hockey games and other Canadian sports will be indulged in by the different universities.

The thought of the chilly atmosphere of a Northern winter naturally causes a little hesitancy, but once inhale the brisk invigorating air of the Canadian provinces and it will prove the most enjoyable attribute of the visit. The temperature although frequently around zero, is of a sharp, dry cold, devoid of the chilling qualities of an east-wind climate.

Quebec is ideally situated on the northwest bank of the St. Lawrence river, about 300 miles from the gulf. The city is divided into the upper and lower portions. The upper city is situated on a cliff overlooking the lower town. It contains the fortification buildings, the principal churches and the college buildings. The upper town is walled in and is entered by three gates. The old pathway which Gen. Wolfe ascended serves as an approach to one of the gates. It still looks forbidding and dangerous. A monument to the memory of the illustrious general adorns the famous "Plains of Abraham," and also an "Obelisk" commemorating the fall of both heroes, Montcalm and Wolfe.

The fortification buildings cover about 40 acres. It is an impregnable spot, and well deserves the appellation of the "Gibralter of America." Dufferin terrace runs along the edge of the cliff over 200 feet above the river, overlooking the lower city. The view from here is perfect and is only rivalled by that obtained from the balcony of Laval university near by. In the lower city are many old dwellings and antique buildings. The churches, which are numerous in Quebec, are beautiful edifices and the interiors of many are decorated with paintings by the old masters. The "Chateau de Frontenac," the principal hotel, is close to the citadel. It is one of the most beautiful hotels in the Dominion.

Quebec as a beautiful resort, and as an ideal site for a city, first appealed to Jacques Cartier on his sail up the St. Lawrence, and afterwards to the great explorer, Champlain, whose remains now lie in the cathedral. Famous by reason of the two heroes, Montcalm and Wolfe, who succumbed on its plains, and always interesting to the reader of American history by reason of Montgomery's glorious but futile attack, Quebec needs only sufficient advertising to make it the resort of America, both winter and summer. Low rates to principal Canadian points via Boston & Maine railroad will be in effect December 28, 1903, affording an excellent opportunity to visit these cities. For information inquire of agent or send to D. J. Flanders, general passenger and ticket agent, Boston.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

This Week are Double
Stamp Days at

J. L. CHALIFOUX'S

47 to 59 Central Street

Beautiful Articles For Xmas Gifts

- Ladies', Men's and Children's Slippers in all colors of Leather and Velvet.
- Ladies' and Men's Umbrellas.
- Ladies' Neckwear and Handkerchiefs.
- Ladies' Vests and Sweaters.
- Ladies' Wool and Kid Gloves.
- Men's Kid, Wool and Fur Gloves.
- Men's White and Fancy Shirts.
- Silk or Wool Mufflers.
- Dress Shields.
- Suspenders in Individual Boxes.
- Bath Robes and Smoking Jackets,
- Four-in-Hands, Puffs and Tecks, Neckwear for Gentlemen.
- Collars, Cuffs, Cuff Buttons and Collar Buttons
- Arm Elastics and Garters.
- Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.
- Hosiery and Underwear.
- Pajamas and Night Robes.

Handsome Calendars Given Free

CHRISTIAN HILL LINE

SOME REASONABLE AND UNREASONABLE PROTESTS.

The new schedule affecting the Christian Hill and Pawtucketville street car lines went into effect this morning, and as usual there was a great deal of so-called "kicking" on the part of some of the patrons. Much of the objection seems to be unreasonable when one looks at the matter fairly. The confusion which was formerly occasioned by reversing the Pawtucketville car in the square is now avoided, as the car runs in a continuous line by the waiting station into Centralville. Formerly it was a serious impediment to the cars leaving Centralville and going up Merrimack street. Some of the patrons protest because they no longer have a car direct to the Middlesex street depot, but under the new arrangement it is possible to get to either depot quicker than formerly as the Pawtucketville car will not now obstruct the approach to the Merrimack street depot, and a change can be made in the square for Middlesex street. The time of leaving the hill is much better for catching the principal express trains than formerly so that the depot objection is a faulty one. One objection that has real merit is that the noon car which is scheduled to leave the square at 12.12 and leave Christian Hill at 12.42, does not afford the working people who are limited to one hour at noon sufficient time for their dinner. In consequence of this objection a petition was signed by several of the passengers and presented to the officials last evening. It requested that the car leaving the square be sent out at 12.10. The petitioners were pleased to find that this provision had already been made by the superintendent, and the noon car will leave the square for Christian Hill in the future at 12.10 and will be held on the hill until about 12.48, which will accommodate the working people even better than the old schedule.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher

Christmas Presents Absolutely Free

The Zopher Drug Co. is going to give away Dec. 18th and 19th, 1000 full size bottles of Crest-all (no-cold-no-cough) the newest, latest and most scientific production of the age for the cure of all lung troubles. The E. C. Andrews Co., Lowell, Mass., sole proprietors.

QUESTION OF WAGES

MAY CAUSE A STRIKE IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A strike of livery drivers will probably be ordered today, a mass meeting of the teamsters' union having been called for tonight to order the walkout. A long meeting held last night between the drivers and employers broke up without an agreement being reached and a strike is considered certain. A question of wages and recognition of the union are involved in the dispute. A strike, if called, will compel the undertakers to conduct funerals without hearses and it has been decided to use "black wagons" in their stead. The owners of these livery stables say they will drive these wagons themselves.

Nearly 2000 drivers will be affected and half as many stablemen will be discharged temporarily to reduce the running expenses of the barns.

CHELMSFORD

The Literary Union met Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Perham and discussed the Panama question.

The Unitarian sociables opened auspicously last evening in the vestry. The usual supper was served at 6.30 o'clock in charge of Mrs. Julia E. Warren, Mrs. Sarah C. Adams and Mrs. Bertha M. Wilson. The tables were well filled, likewise those who sat at them. The young people served as waiters.

The pleasing entertainment of the evening, arranged by Mrs. I. H. Knight, consisted of readings by Miss C. A. Richardson; cornet duets by W. C. Ward and Thomas Parkhurst; singing by a quartette, Mr. J. S. Bryan, Mr. Will C. Ward, Mrs. A. M. Warren, Mrs. I. H. Knight, and popular melodies by the company. Miss Emma L. Parkhurst was accompanist of the evening. A number of Lowell friends were present.

Postmaster Emerson has recently substituted a new section of 21 lock boxes for an obsolete pattern, and the general package delivery window has been transferred to a more convenient location.

NORTH CHELMSFORD

The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Second Congregational church have elected the following officers:

President, Miss Addie M. Hyde; vice president, Mr. George W. Merrill; secretary and treasurer, George F. White; lookout committee, Mrs. G. W. Merrill, Mr. Elias De Le Haye, Mrs. Fred Mallalieu, Mr. Geo. F. White, Miss M. B. Lewis; prayer meeting committee, Mr. John C. Varney, Mr. Harry Whitehead, Mr. Walter Trubey, Miss Ethel Fisher, Miss Jennie Ingham; music committee, Miss Ethel Wotton, Miss Addie Hyde, Mrs. F. E. Varney, Mrs. Fred Mallalieu, Mrs. Harry Littlehale; substitutes, Miss Marion Crowell, Miss Florence Queen; social committee, Mr. Geo. W. Merrill, Mr. Walter Trubey, Mr. Elias De Le Haye, Mrs. F. E. Varney, Mrs. Fred Mallalieu; substitutes, Miss Rose Wright, Miss Gladys Swain, Miss Flora Knox; flower and relief committee, Miss Bertha Swain, Miss Nellie Trubey, Mrs. James Wotton, Mrs. C. F. Clawsen, Mr. C. J. Willstead; missionary committee, Miss Addie M. Hyde, Miss Bertha Swain, Miss Ethel Fisher, Miss Abbie Sleeper, Mr. Harry Whitehead; temperance committee, Mrs. Harry Littlehale, Mrs. G. F. White, Miss Ethel Wotton, Miss M. B. Lewis, Mr. J. C. Varney.

SHOULDER DISLOCATED.

Shortly after 7 o'clock last evening the ambulance was summoned to 109 Coburn street to remove Joseph Fuller, a man about 60 years old, who was suffering from a dislocated shoulder and numerous minor bruises, sustained by a fall. While passing along the street near his home at about three o'clock in the afternoon Fuller slipped and fell heavily on the sidewalk. The injured man was treated at St. John's hospital.

Kennedy's Oysterettes

The Oyster Cracker with a taste to it.

Read This Ad.—G. E. T.

Get are the initials of George E. Tradd, who would like to announce that he has got, for you to get, the best gifts, and when you give, what you will get, don't forget, that your gift will never be forgotten. Now let us not forget, what we can get, in this store, we can't get, in any other store in Lowell. We have no other branch. The ORIENTAL BAZAAR, 313 Merrimack street. Please don't forget the number.

TRADE MARK
DICKSON'S TEA STORE.
REGISTERED.

DOUBLE STAMP COUPON

80 with a Pound of Baking Powder.
40 with a Pound of Tea.
20 with a Pound of Coffee,
5 Stamps on Crockery, Glass and Spices.

In order to get this big quantity of Stamps, this Coupon must be presented at

Dickson's Tea Store
68 Merrimack Street
Mention The SUN

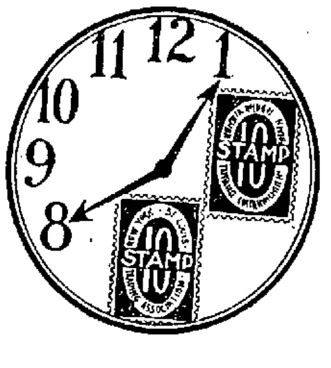
SUN

Lowell, Thursday, December 17, 1903

A. G. Pollard & Co.

Only a Week of Trading Days Left

You can't afford to put off the gift getting much longer. Stocks, however large, are bound to be depleted by so much trading. Now you can find almost everything you want. No one need be neglected because of lack of funds. A single Handkerchief will carry as much sentiment as a whole jewelry shop if it's given in the right spirit.

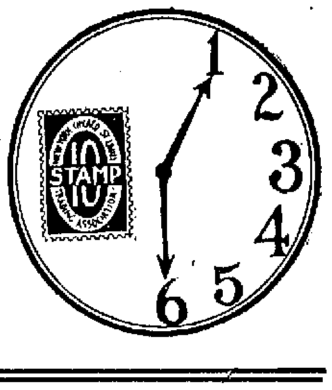


Double Stamps

FROM 8 a. m. TO 1 p. m.

Single Stamps

FROM 1 p. m. TO 6 p. m.



A Special Sale of

WINTER CAPS FOR Men and Boys

We have just received from a big manufacturer all his sample caps and odd lots which he wishes to dispose of cheap.

They consist of all the popular shapes and styles of winter caps—the kind that keep your head and ears warm in the coldest weather—in rough and smooth materials, with double bands, well made; with good linings, and many have inside visors.

Some regular 50c caps; more worth 75c, $1.00 and $1.50. Our price for all .... 35c Each

The boys' caps are the 25c, 50c and 75c sort—just the caps for this weather, only........................ 15c Each

Some man or boy will find one of these "just what he wanted."

Palmer Street—Basement.

Gift Things in the

NOTIONS

"Stocking fillers" one might call the givable things to be found in the Notion Store, needed for work baskets or personal use.

Women's Fancy Silk Garters, 25c to $1.50 a Pair

Fancy Silk Elastic, for making garters .... 12½c to 50c a Yard

Needle Boxes, filled with Needles, 25c to $1.50

Pin Cushions............ 12½c, 19c, 25c

West Section—Left Aisle.

Another Special Stamp Offer FOR SATURDAY

Muslin Underwear Section

We herewith make you some SPECIAL LOW PRICES on Muslin Underskirts, the most acceptable gift from one woman to another. AND WITH EACH PURCHASE WE SHALL GIVE $2.00 WORTH OF EXTRA STAMPS.

FOR $1.49—Umbrella Skirts trimmed with wide ruffle of Point de Paris lace with two rows of insertion. Regular price $2.50.

FOR $1.98—Pretty Skirts, umbrella, ruffles trimmed with four rows of insertion and wide lace edge; five different patterns of wide embroideries, open and blind patterns; regular price $2.98.

FOR $2.49—Five different styles of the most beautiful laces and embroideries, unusually full and pretty. These skirts are worth $3.50.

FOR $3.98—A grand model Underskirt made of the finest lawn, trimmed with fine imported French point lace, serpentine appliques; regular price $6.00.

As we shall give double Stamps all day Saturday these bargains are exceptionally worthy.

WEST SECTION—GALLERY.

Special Stamp Offer for Tomorrow—Two Dollars' Worth of Extra Stamps With Each Christmas Umbrella Purchased Tomorrow.

Here's one of the grandest Umbrella collections in New England. Even now with all the past selling we have nearly 2000 Umbrellas for you to choose from. Handles from all over the world. Odd woods, Pearl, Ivory, Horn, Sterling Silver, Gold, Gun Metal, Cloisonnais. Coverings made here in our own land; all Silks in Twills or Taffeta weaves. Helvetias, Carolas, Levetians and the rest of the best wearing sorts. The Cravenetted cloths, too, are very popular.

Men's Umbrellas, 28 inch, 98c, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00 up to $15.00.

Women's Umbrellas, 26 inch, 98c, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50, $2.75, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00 up to $15.00.

Children's 22 and 24 inch, 50c, 75c, $1.00, $1.50.

Almost every Umbrella has a place suitable for engraving, which we do free of charge. Ladies' Umbrellas $2.00 and over come to you in a pretty box.

If you buy an Umbrella tomorrow you have these advantages: A big stock to choose from, the engraving done well; and $2.00 worth of extra Trading Stamps besides those you are regularly entitled to.

MERRIMACK STREET—CENTRE TABLES.

Bath Robes and Sacques of Eiderdown

Welcome presents for a mother or sister. You'll see a stunning assortment here.

Sacques, with deep collar, crocheted edge, with satin appliqued in pink, red, blue and grey, only...... 95c Each

Sacques, best quality Eiderdown, all colors, with fancy silk frogs, or satin ribbon ties, kimono sleeves and wide collar, satin trimmed, only........ $1.50

Bath Robes, all colors, in best Eiderdown; big showing from $3.50 to $7.50

Blanket Bath Robes, plain and fancy all over patterns; all colors, $4.00, $4.50, $5.00 and $7.50

West Section—Second Floor.

Chafing Dishes?

Never thought of one, did you? Time was when one's income had to be a large one to own one of these most convenient cooking utensils. Here's a style that used to cost $5.00. Full size, with the improved lamp; plain cover with nickle knob, made from copper brass, with the best silver nickel finish, only.................. $3.50

Another—A large size dish with heavy, domed cover, ebony knob and handles, Perfection lamp; usually $7.50; only $5.00

Others [illegible], $10, $12, and $20

Chafing Dish Forks and Spoons at .... [illegible] Each

Merrimack Street—Basement.

TRAINS TO AND FROM BOSTON

SOUTHERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
5.45	6.50	6.00	7.04
6.24	7.40	6.80	7.26
s6.39	7.30	7.55	8.55
a6.42	7.53	8.25	9.01
s7.01	8.02	e9.00	9.37
es7.24	8.10	e10.00	10.37
s7.51	8.50	a10.27	11.84
7.45	8.35	e11.30	12.07
8.50	9.40	12.00	12.50
9.40	10.40	e1.00	1.37
11.00	12.03	2.00	3.01
sa11.45	12.25	e3.00	3.37
s12.14	1.00	a3.47	5.00
1.40	2.50	4.14	5.30
es1.56	2.50	e5.00	5.37
a3.03	4.20	5.38	6.25
e-3.47	4.30	a5.47	6.54
4.25	5.30	6.14	7.30
as5.22	6.15	e7.30	8.08
a5.44	7.00	e8.30	9.08
es6.22	7.05	10.30	11.34
es7.29	8.10	11.20	12.23

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
s6.39	7.30	9.00	10.00
s7.24	8.10	1.00	1.57
8.45	9.49	5.00	5.59
s9.20	10.15	e7.30	8.08
s4.25	5.30	e8.30	9.08
s5.58	7.00	9.00	10.02

WESTERN DIV.

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
6.50	8.00	7.30	8.34
8.00	8.54	9.25	10.39
9.25	10.39	10.46	11.41
10.50	12.00	11.50	1.08
12.06	1.32	2.15	3.19
12.45	1.57	3.38	4.55
2.30	3.35	4.39	5.50
3.10	4.10	6.04	7.05
3.56	5.04	6.35	7.48
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6.15	7.15	B11.15	12.10
7.00	8.05		
9.25	10.30		

SUNDAY TRAINS

To Boston. Lve.	To Boston. Arr.	From Boston. Lve.	From Boston. Arr.
8.15	9.27	8.00	9.17
12.05	1.24	12.00	1.02
4.05	5.18	5.50	6.27
5.50	6.55		
8.00	9.05		

Trains by western division leave Lowell from Middlesex St. Station.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Mandolins, Banjos, Guitars on instalments. Stratton & Handley, Hildreth bldg.

Challenge brand coffee, all grocers and butchers, Sullivan & Co., 147 Middle St.

Star & Yankee shaving sets make a good present for a gentleman. The Thompson Hardware Co. has a full line.

Don't miss to call, Oriental Bazaar.

Standard Dictionary, full leather, $9.00. Lawler's.

Lowest prices at Oriental Bazaar.

Scrap books, all kinds. Lawler's.

Superfluous Hair and Moles Permanently Removed
By Electric Needle.
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Money sent to England, Ireland and Scotland at lowest rates at
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WEDNESDAYS FROM 2 TILL 7 P. M

THE CUBAN BILL

Was Passed by the Senate

FINAL ACTION PRECEDED BY LIVELY DEBATE

The Vote on Bill Was 57 to 18

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—President McKinley's promise of commercial reciprocity, which induced Cuba to accept the Platt amendment, will be fully redeemed in less than three years from the time it was made. The senate, having gratified itself by postponing action from the extra session to the regular session, passed yesterday the bill passed by the house at the extra session without amendments, by a vote of 57 to 18. The senate democrats agreed in caucus just before the senate met not to offer amendments and to leave all senators free to vote as they pleased. Accordingly no amendments were offered, and nine democrats, headed by Gorman of Maryland, voted with the republicans in favor of the bill, while Bard of California was the only republican who voted with the democrats against it.

President Roosevelt was delighted to learn that the long fight had been won, and arranged to at once approve the bill and issue the proclamation giving notice of the operation of the treaty, so that its good effects might appear as soon as possible. The Platt amendment, giving the United States practical control of the foreign relations and the fiscal relations of Cuba as related to the United States, and also naval coaling stations, was approved March 21, 1901, by President McKinley, who proceeded then to induce Cuba to adopt it, as it required, as part of the Cuban constitution. The inducement which turned the scale in favor of this action was his pledge to the Cuban representatives here to do everything in his power to secure a commercial reciprocity arrangement between the United States and Cuba, a pledge which was indorsed by prominent senators and representatives of both parties in conference with the Cuban commissioners. Some of the democrats who voted yesterday for the bill did so because they took part in those conferences. After McKinley's death President Roosevelt took the matter up with interest, and has pressed it vigorously ever since against stubborn opposition. Legislation was defeated by the opposition, chiefly of beet root sugar men, and when the president undertook to accomplish the result by treaty the senate, at the extra session last spring, would only ratify it with an amendment requiring it to be approved by both houses. This was finally done yesterday.

Although the amount of reduction in the United States tariff granted Cuba will be only 20 per cent. on sugar and the other products, while Cuba makes reductions on American products ranging from 25 to 40 per cent., whereas President McKinley and President Roosevelt both advised a much larger concession to Cuba, the president and the others who have led the fight against such constant opposition are pleased to have won what has been gained.

Food eaten without appetite remains undigested, causing
Heartburn, Flatulency, Indigestion and Dyspepsia
To cure these ailments the Bitters is strongly recommended by physicians. Try it, also get our 1904 Almanac from your druggist. It is free.

GRAHAM R. WHIDDEN
FIRE INSURANCE
40 Middlesex Street, Lowell
TELEPHONE 175-2

Catholic Prayer Books
Gold and silver chained rosaries for Christmas. Largest assortment in the city at
MURPHY'S
16 Appleton Street, Opp. Post Office.

Address books and visiting lists. Lawler's.

A SMALL WHIST PARTY.

The whist party which was held last evening at the residence of Mr. J. A. Coram, for the benefit of St. John's hospital was extremely disappointing as far as attendance was concerned, but the musical program was most enjoyable and deserving of a much larger attendance. Miss May Riley gave a piano solo in her usual artistic way. Miss Bragg gave two readings, and vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Sherburne, Miss Huntley and Mr. Boulger. Miss Harrington rendered a violin selection from Wieniawski, and all of the above numbers were very favorably received. The accompaniments were performed by Miss Ashworth, Miss Riley and Dr. Tabor. The prevailing opinion was that the small attendance was the result of the high price of the tickets. It was very evident that some one made a blunder in setting the price for a whist party in Lowell at $1.00 a head. People will not respond at any such price even for so worthy a charity as St. John's hospital. Although over 900 tickets were issued and distributed the attendance was not over fifty. This should convince the ladies in charge that the limit on a whist party in future should not be above 50 cents a head.

Nothing better for a present than a good carving knife. The Thompson Hardware Co. has a fine assortment, 35 cents to $25.00.

Hand lace collars, Oriental bazaar.

LOWELL MAN

IS WANTED ON CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

It is not generally known that Wray Taylor, who is charged with embezzlement from the government in Honolulu, is a Lowell man. He was formerly a church organist and music teacher here and his wife is a Lowell lady. Taylor is now in England, whence he originally came.

Books in choice bindings. Lawler's.

BISHOP BRADLEY

WAS A FRIEND OF THE LATE FR. O'BRIEN.

The late Bishop Bradley of Manchester was a near and dear friend of the late Rev. Michael O'Brien, whom he often visited. When the bells in St. Patrick's church were blessed, Feb. 9th, 1890, Bishop Bradley celebrated the pontifical mass.

Oriental Bazaar, 318 Merrimack St.

PREPARING FOR CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 Preparations for taking care of the republican national convention will begin soon after the holidays. In fact some of the preliminaries are being disposed of now.

Acting on the authority delegated to him by the sub committee of the national committee of arrangements, Graeme Stewart has completed arrangements for the committee's headquarters at the Auditorium annex. He also has appointed Samuel B. Raymond chairman of the Chicago committee that will attend to the local end of the work. The sub-committee will hold its first meeting about the middle of January. It includes Senator Hanna, Henry C. Payne, Senator W. B. Scott of West Virginia, Harry S. New of Indiana and R. B. Schneider of Nebraska.

Holiday gifts at Oriental Bazaar.

A great book! Senator Hoar's Autobiography, at Lawler's.

LADIES, AT THE LOWELL ONE PRICE YOU FREQUENTLY SECURE TWO PRESENTS FOR THE AMOUNT YOU THOUGHT ONE WOULD COST.

DOUBLE GREEN AND DARK BLUE
Trading Stamps
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

THE ECONOMY OF OUR PRICES IS MORE PRONOUNCED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON THAN AT ANY OTHER STORE.

Christmas Is Coming

With flying feet and the buyers who throng every section of our store the past few days in search of that most sensible Christmas Gift—something to wear—find the largest stock of Merchandise for men and boys ever shown in this city.

25c GIFTS
NECKWEAR,
SUSPENDERS, BOXED,
SILK GARTERS,
LINK CUFF BUTTONS,
SCARF PIN,
GLOVES,
INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS,
FANCY HOSE,
TOQUES,
CAPS.

50c GIFTS
NECKWEAR,
WAY'S MUFFLERS,
BOYS' SWEATERS,
SILK SUSPENDERS, BOXED,
GLOVES,
WHITE AND FANCY SHIRTS,
SLIPPERS,
SILK HANDKERCHIEFS,
NIGHT SHIRT,
HOSE,
TOQUES,
CAPS,
LINK CUFF BUTTONS,
SCARF PIN,
HALF-DOZEN JAPANESE INITIAL HANDKERCHIEFS.

$1.00 GIFTS
SILK SUSPENDERS,
UMBRELLA,
GLOVES, SILK OR FLEECE LINED,
DRESS SHIRTS,
SCARF PINS,
LINK CUFF BUTTONS,
SLIPPERS,
NECKWEAR,
FANCY WAISTCOATS,
HEADGEAR,
SWEATER.

$1.50 GIFTS
UMBRELLA,
GLOVES (WARRANTED),
FANCY SHIRTS,
UNDERWEAR,
SILK MUFFLERS,
SLIPPERS,
FULL DRESS PROTECTOR,
HALF-DOZEN ALL-LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS,
HAT,
PLUSH CAP,
SWEATER.

More Sensible Gifts for Gentlemen

House Coats up to $6.50
Bath Robes up to $5
Patent Russian Vests $1.50 to $3
Men's Suits $5 to $25
Boys' Suits $1.50 to $8
Boys' Shoes $1 to $2

Gloves up to $5
Boys' Sweaters up to $2
Men's Reefers $3.95 to $7.50
Trousers $1.50 to $6.00
Boys' Tuxedo Suits $8
Hats 50c to $3

Dress Suit Cases up to $5.50
White or Fancy Waistcoats up to $4
Caps up to $1.50
Men's Overcoats $5 to $25
Boys' Overcoats $2 to $7
Men's Shoes $1.50 to $3
Sheep Lined Canvas and Corduroy Coats, $2.95 to $4

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BROWNIES LOST

Were Defeated by the Nashua Team

The Brownies, an organization of star bowlers of this city, went to Nashua last night and met defeat at the hands of the team representing that city. The local five had everything their own way until the last string, when the quintet went to pieces and allowed the up-river boys to get away with the game by a margin of six pins. Mason of the winning team was the man who turned the trick with his single string total of 123 pins in the last string. This was the highest score of the evening for a single, Wilson making a single of 106 and Dwyer 105. Wilson of the winning team had the highest three string total, which was 301.

The Brownies had everything their own way during the first string, Wilson and Randall being the only Nashua men who did anything in the line of rolling, while the Brownies were knocking the pins down with every ball rolled down the alley. At the end of the string the Brownies were 30 pins to the good, but prosperity was too much for them and in the second string the local quintet lost the string by one pin.

The Brownies still had the game well in hand, but the third string proved to be the Waterloo, for the Nashuas won the string by 35 pins and the game by six pins. Mason, who rolled 77 in the first string and 85 in the second, was looked upon as an easy mark, but when he put up a single string of 123 in the third many of the bowlers' eyes were opened. It has not been learned whether or not he fixed the alley boy, but he turned the trick all right. The score:

Nashua—Wilson 301, Blake 262, Randall 257, McQuestion 261, Mason 285; total, 1366.

Brownies—Coleman 137, Kelley 287, Sweeney 265, Moran 271, Dwyer 277; total, 1360.

LOCKS & CANALS LOST.

The Boott mills team defeated the Locks & Canals team on Les Miserables alleys last night by 55 pins. The score:

Boott Mills—Whalen 249, Houston 251, Carr 236, Wetherbee 253, King 242; total, 1231.

Locks & Canals—Abbott 240, Grant 233, Fowler 233, Harrington 238, Mansur 239; total, 11.9.

COMBINES DEFEATED.

The Belvideres defeated the Combines last night by a margin of 22 pins. The score:

Belvideres—Graves 253, McDonald 261, Kennedy 225, Bowen 249, Cole 243; total, 1237.

Combines—Rich 244, Butterfield 255, Snowman 212, Stearns 248, Conant 256; total, 1215.

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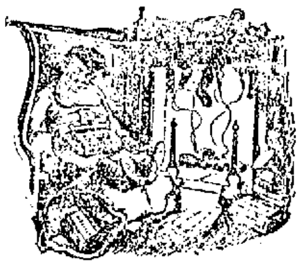

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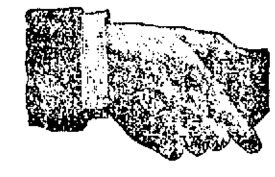

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